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CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORT – 2004

In calendar year 2004, 101,563 reports of child abuse and neglect were made to county Departments of Family and Children Services. DFCS screened out or referred to other services 16,001 reports that did not meet the definition of maltreatment. Data for the remaining 85,562 reports were entered into the Protective Services Data System (PSDS) and used to compile this report.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DATA SYSTEM

The Georgia General Assembly established a child abuse information system in 1990 to collect data on child maltreatment. Each county Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) enters data into the system. PSDS collects data on all relevant information except names of perpetrators. The Georgia Supreme Court has determined that keeping names is unconstitutional. PSDS provides the information for this annual report and for the reporting required by Federal/State regulations, laws and program expectations.

DISPOSITION OF REPORTS

Reports. Reports of maltreatment are made to county Departments of Family and Children Services. When a report is made the department determines whether it meets the criteria for an investigation: **there is a child under 18 years alleged to be mistreated by the parent or caretaker.** A copy of every report DFCS receives is immediately shared with local law enforcement, as required by O.C.G.A. 19-7-5. In 2004, 101,563 reports were made to county DFCS offices.

Investigated Reports. Reports that meet the criteria for maltreatment are accepted for investigation. In 2004, 85,562 reports were accepted for investigation. After the circumstances are investigated, one of the following dispositions are assigned to the report:

Substantiated, case remains open. A case is substantiated when the preponderance of evidence supports the allegations. Cases rated high risk or moderate risk for recurring maltreatment remain open for ongoing CPS services.

Substantiated, case closed. A preponderance of evidence supports the allegations; however, the case is low risk for further maltreatment. Referrals to community resources are made as available and appropriate.

Unsubstantiated, case closed. There is either not a preponderance of evidence or no evidence to support the allegations, and the case is closed.

Unsubstantiated, case remains open. There is either not a preponderance of evidence or no evidence to support the allegations. The case remains open because of court-ordered CPS involvement.

An investigation may contain more than one alleged incident of maltreatment and may involve more than one child.

Screened-Out Reports. Reports that do not meet the criteria for maltreatment are screened out or referred to other resources. Reports that do not meet these basic criteria for an investigation are frequently referred to local resources (e.g., mental health, court system, early intervention and preventive programs) for assistance. In 2004, 16,001 reports were screened-out.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

The information in this report refers to several types of counts:

An **investigated report** (case count) represents the number of reports received. One report may contain more than one alleged incident of maltreatment and may involve more than one child.

An **incident count** represents the number of maltreatment types indicated for each child in a report. The maltreatment types include: Neglect, Physical, Sexual, Emotional and Other. The number of incidents in PSDS will be greater than the number of reports/cases. It will equal or exceed the number of children.

Status	Cases	Incidents
Substantiated	30,951	53,918
Unsubstantiated	54,611	90,823
Total	**85,562**	**144,741**

2004 INCIDENT DATA

A total of 144,741 incidents of maltreatment were reported in 2004. The number of **cases** of alleged child maltreatment is lower than a count of the **incidents** of alleged maltreatment, because there may be maltreatment reported on several children in one case. Also, for each child in a case, more than one type of maltreatment may be reported.

Substantiated Incidents of Maltreatment

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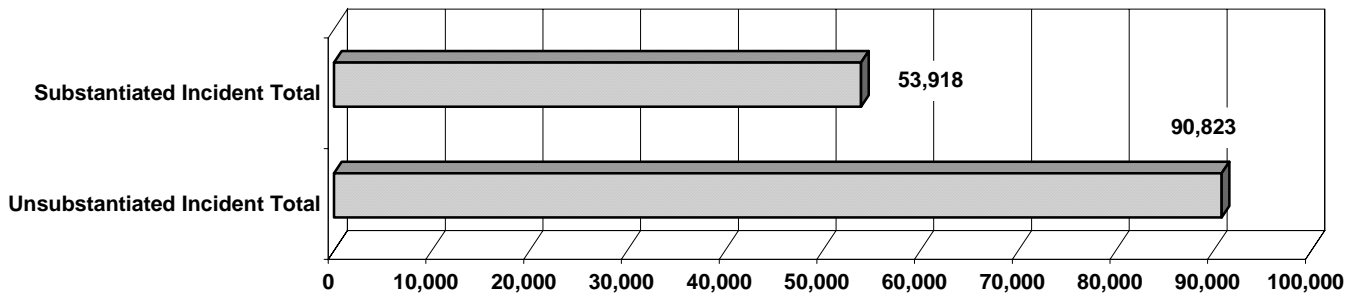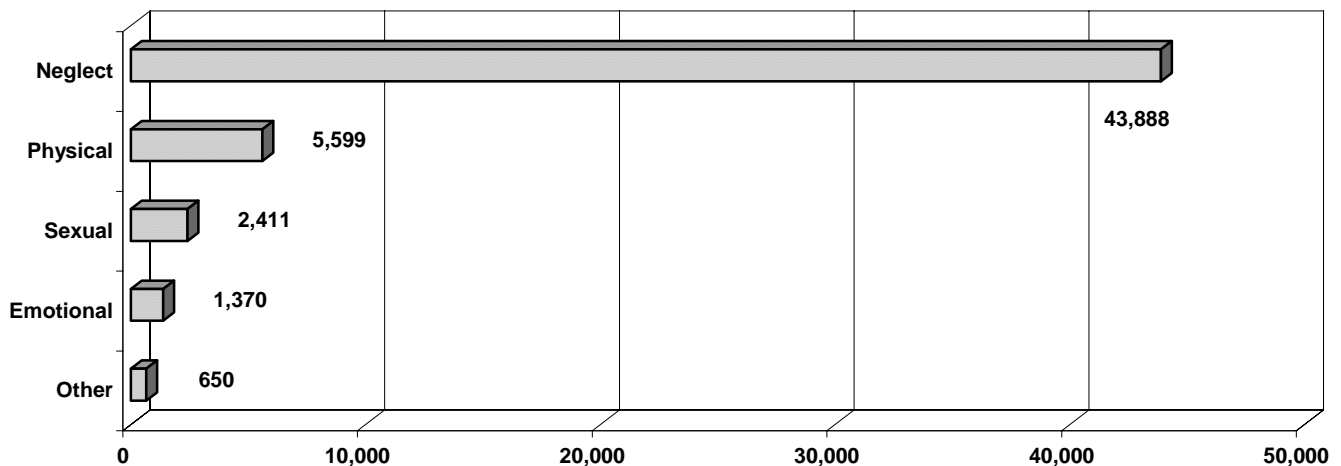
REPORTERS

Suspected maltreatment is reported to county DFCS offices. While the agency encourages anyone who suspects maltreatment to report, the law requires certain people to report, by virtue of their profession; they are called "mandated reporters." This includes teachers, school counselors, physicians, nurses, dentists, law enforcement personnel and Georgia Department of Human Resources staff members.

The table below shows the types of reporters by disposition: Substantiated or Unsubstantiated. Mandated Reporters submitted 64 percent of investigated reports. For Substantiated Dispositions, the five most prevalent sources of investigated reports were Law Enforcement/Court (23%), School Personnel (21%), DHR Staff (9%), Relative (9%) and Hospital/Clinic (8%). For Unsubstantiated Dispositions, the five most prevalent sources of investigated reports were School Personnel (26%), Law Enforcement/Court (11%), Anonymous (10%), Relative (9%) and DHR Staff (8%).

Disposition by Report Source

Disposition by Report Source			
	Disposition		
Report Source	**Substantiated**	**Unsubstantiated**	**Total**
Mandated Reporters			
School Personnel	6,404	14,421	20,825
Law Enforcement/Court	7,077	5,843	12,920
Hospital/Clinic	2,530	2,767	5,297
Physician, Dentist, Podiatrist, Nurse	685	1,222	1,907
Professional Counselor, Social Worker	2,086	3,236	5,322
DHR Staff	2,634	5,103	7,737
Day Care Center	232	542	774
Tanf *	63	135	198
Total Mandated Reporters	**21,711**	**33,269**	**54,980**
Non-Mandated Reporters			
Custodial Parent/Guardian	1,488	2,499	3,987
Relative	2,601	4,746	7,347
Neighbor/Friend	1,591	3,593	5,184
Non-Custodial Parent	587	2,402	2,989
Religious Leader/Staff	62	121	183
Lawyer	56	76	132
Other Non-Mandated Person	574	1,421	1,995
Alleged Maltreater	27	25	52
Victim	106	193	299
Total Non-Mandated Reporters	**7,092**	**15,076**	**22,168**
Unknown			
Unknown	367	1,021	1,388
Anonymous	1,781	5,245	7,026
Total Unknown	**2,148**	**6,266**	**8,414**
Total	**30,951**	**54,611**	**85,562**

*A TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) case manager refers a family when there is a concern about maltreatment of a child resulting from a TANF Sanction.

LOCATION OF MALTREATMENT

The data system collects information about where the alleged maltreatment occurred. The numbers in the accompanying chart are based on incidents. Many children were victims of more than one type of maltreatment and were counted multiple times in each location. For example, a child may have been both neglected and sexually abused in the family home. This child is counted twice at that location.

SUBSTANTIATED - LOCATION AND TYPE OF MALTREATMENT

Location	Type of Maltreatment Incidents					
	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL	SEXUAL	EMOTIONAL	OTHER	TOTAL
Victim's Home	39,323	4,919	1,555	1,224	544	47,565
Other Private Home	2,183	379	671	69	21	3,323
Center Based Daycare	97	29	6	4	0	136
Family Based Daycare	71	27	10	1	1	110
Residential Foster Care Home	30	4	4	3	1	42
Group Home Foster Care	32	3	1	0	0	36
Family Foster Home-DFCS	149	27	19	8	0	203
Family Foster Home-Non DFCS	21	9	3	5	1	39
Other Institution	202	58	34	16	2	312
Other	1,780	144	108	40	80	2,152
Total	**43,888**	**5,599**	**2,411**	**1,370**	**650**	**53,918**

* 'Other' may include such locations as a park, shopping mall, automobile, place of business, etc.

FOSTER PARENTS AND FOSTER HOMES

In 2004, there were 320 substantiated incidents of maltreatment to foster children in a foster home facility. In 238 of the 320 incidents, the perpetrator was a foster parent or residential/group home staff member.   The four types of foster care recorded in the data system are residential facilities, group home facilities, family foster care homes – DFCS and family foster homes – Non DFCS.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DFCS began collecting information on substance abuse in reported cases in 1994. Caretaker substance abuse is a major factor in child abuse and neglect, and the department places strong emphasis on identifying families with this problem and referring them for treatment. This more aggressive approach by Child Protective Services includes:

- Asking the reporter specific questions regarding substance abuse.
- Responding immediately to a report from medical personnel that a mother of a newborn has tested positive for drugs. In this case, the agency refers the mother for a formal substance abuse assessment, checks for the safety of other children in the home, requests custody of the newborn and other children who may be at-risk, and requests court-ordered treatment for the mother, if the need is indicated.
- Assessing the need for treatment in all investigations where drug use was alleged in the original report and where abuse was substantiated.
- Attempting to obtain voluntary drug screens in cases where drug use is alleged and paying for drug screenings and assessments. (Note: If parents or caretakers refuse to have a drug screen, CPS can request the court to order one).
- Requiring repeat negative drug screens for a specified length of time in ongoing cases where drug use was substantiated. As a result of these protective services policies related to drug use (and case managers' increased ability to recognize its signs) drug abuse has been substantiated in increasing numbers of cases.
  The numbers in the accompanying chart are based on the number of investigated reports.

Adult Substance Abuse By Type

Type	Alleged Unsubstantiated	Alleged Substantiated	Not Alleged But Substantiated	Total
Alcohol	1,605	1,072	129	**2,806**
Prescription Medicine	547	252	14	**813**
Controlled Substance	7,478	5,224	459	**13,161**
Alcohol and Prescribed Medicine	92	68	6	**166**
Alcohol and Controlled Substance	725	409	49	**1,183**
Prescribed Medicine and Controlled Substance	294	316	23	**633**
All Types	362	224	18	**604**
Total	**11,103**	**7,565**	**698**	**19,366**

2004 VICTIM DATA

The graphs in this section identify all the children who were entered into the data system as substantiated victims of maltreatment (51,717 children). Children Ages 1- 3 years (19%) and 4-6 years (19%) accounted for the largest percentage of victims. Children who were younger than 1 year accounted for 10% of the victims. In general, as age increased victimization decreased.   More than half of all victims were White (54%) with African American victims accounting for 41%. The ethnicity of 7% of the victims was Hispanic. Child victims were divided evenly between Male (50%) and Female (50%).

Age

Age	Count
UNDER 1	5,143
1-3	9,867
4-6	9,927
7-9	8,819
10-12	7,883
13-15	7,485
16-17	2,583
NOT REPORTED	10

Gender

Gender	Count
Male	25,683
Female	26,034

Race

Race	Count
Black/African American	21,388
White	28,155
Asian	200
American Indian/Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian/Oth.Pac.Islander	31
Multiple Race	605
Unable to Determine	1,144
Not Reported	193

Hispanic / Latino Origin

Hispanic/Latino Origin	Count
Yes	3,615
No	47,139
Unable to Determine	950
Not Reported	13
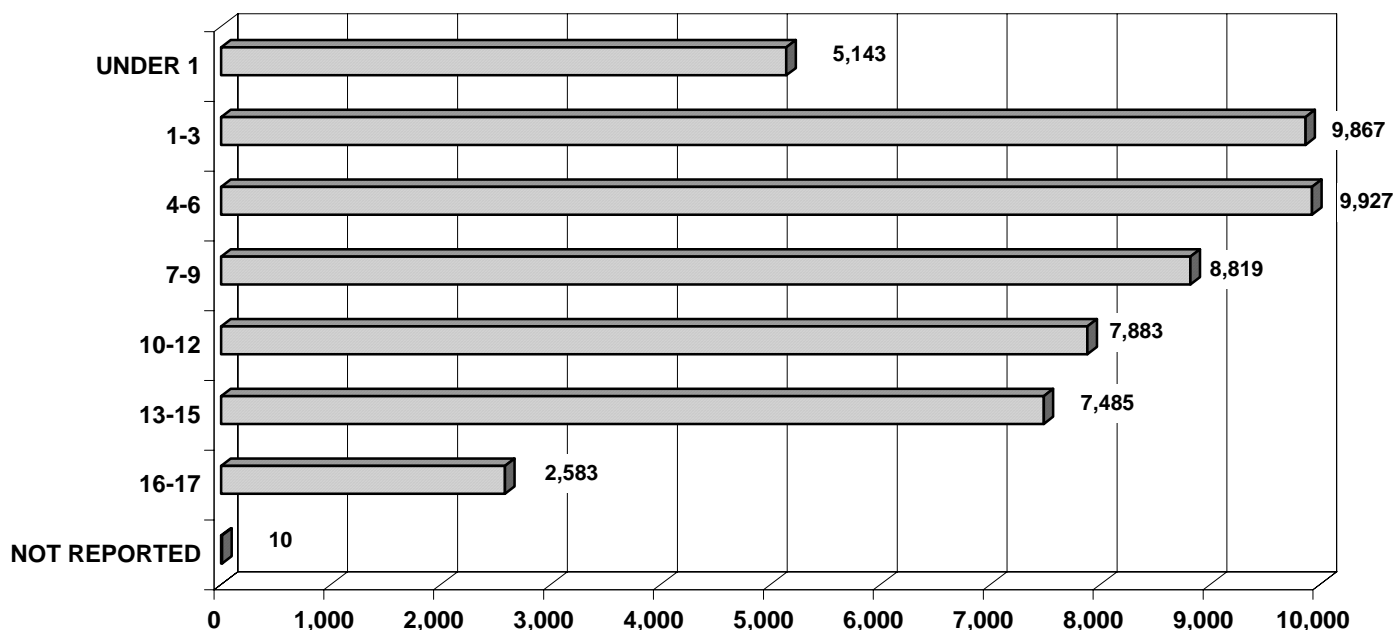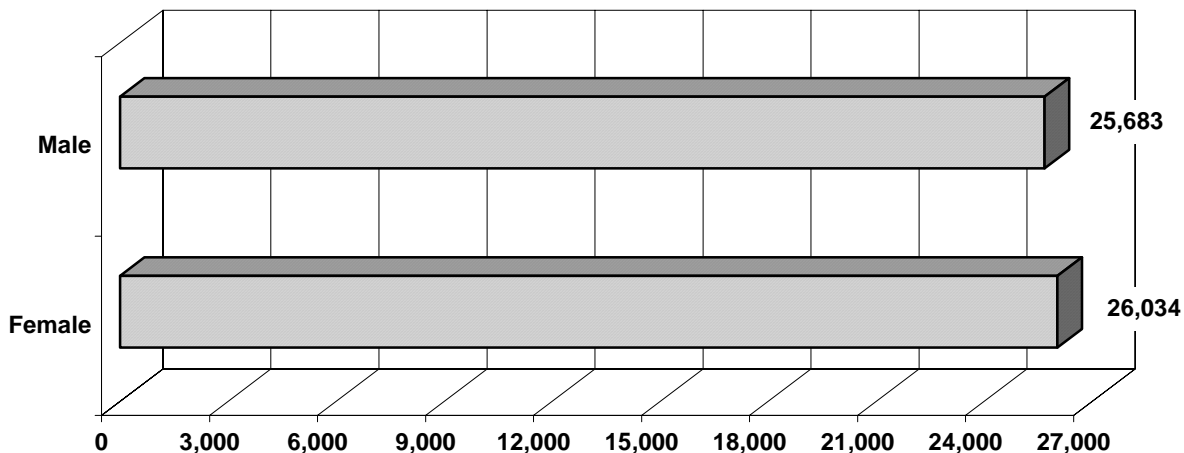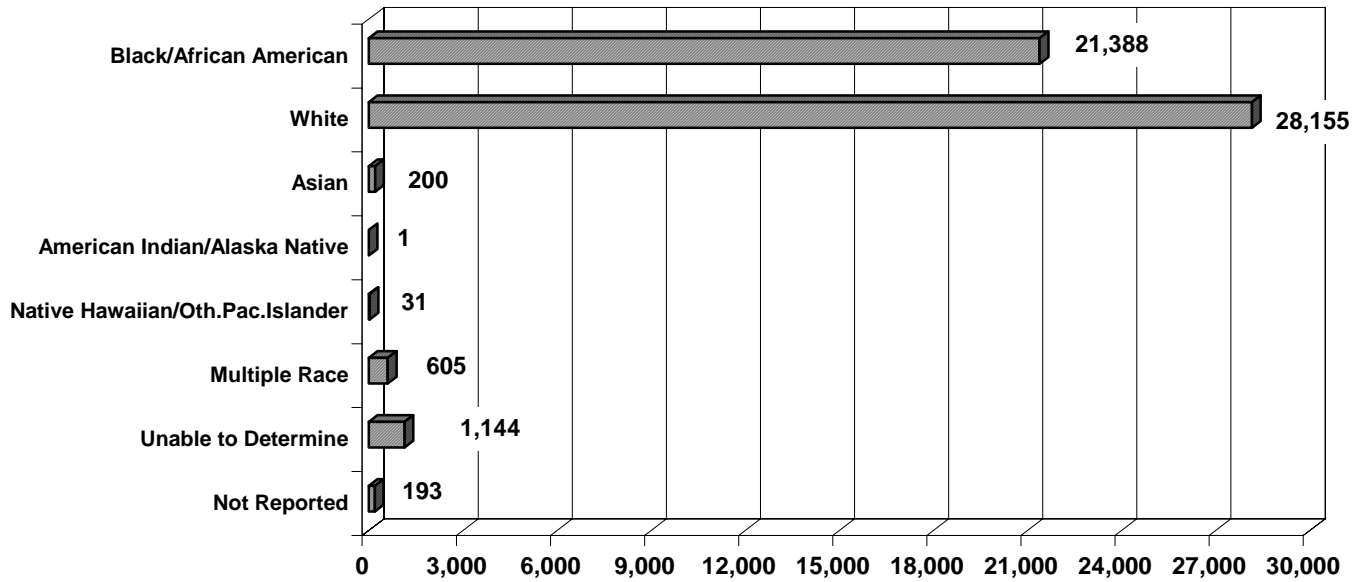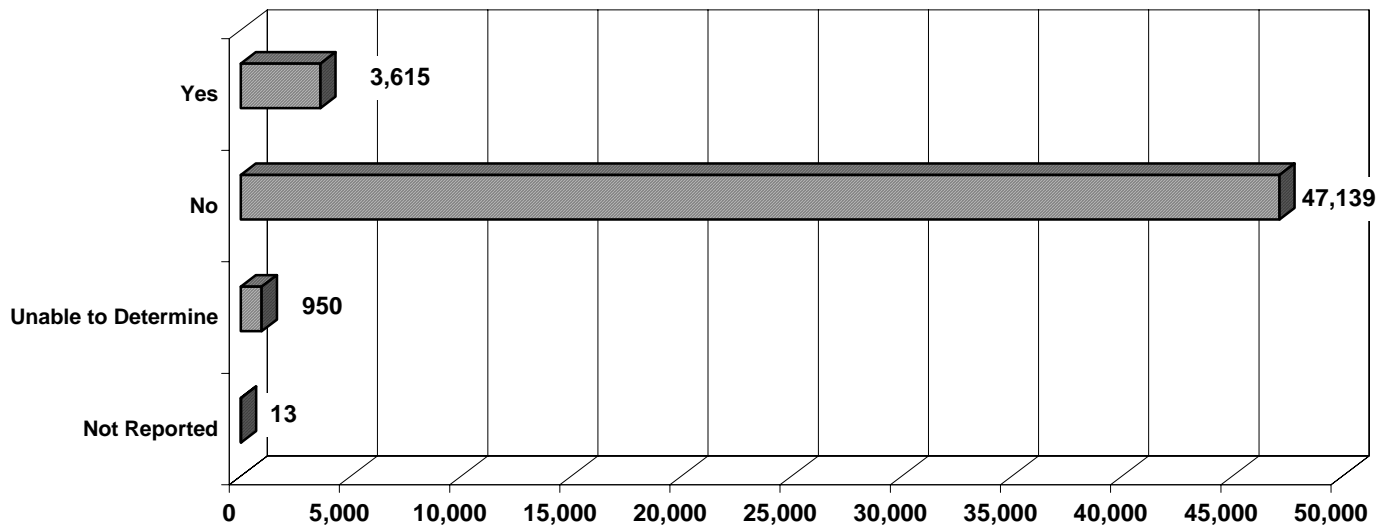
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

The following chart depicts the type of substantiated maltreatment that occurred to children with special characteristics. There were 3,884 children with special characteristics. These children accounted for 4,143 incidents of maltreatment.

Children are considered to have a special characteristic when they have a diagnosis of an emotional disorder, mental retardation, vision or hearing impairment, physical disability, a behavioral disorder, or alcohol/substance abuse.

A child may have more than one special characteristic. Therefore, the total by type (4,794) is greater than the number of incidents.

Substantiated Maltreatment of Children with Special Characteristics

	Value
Neglect	3,106
Physical	657
Sexual	165
Emotional	163
Other	52
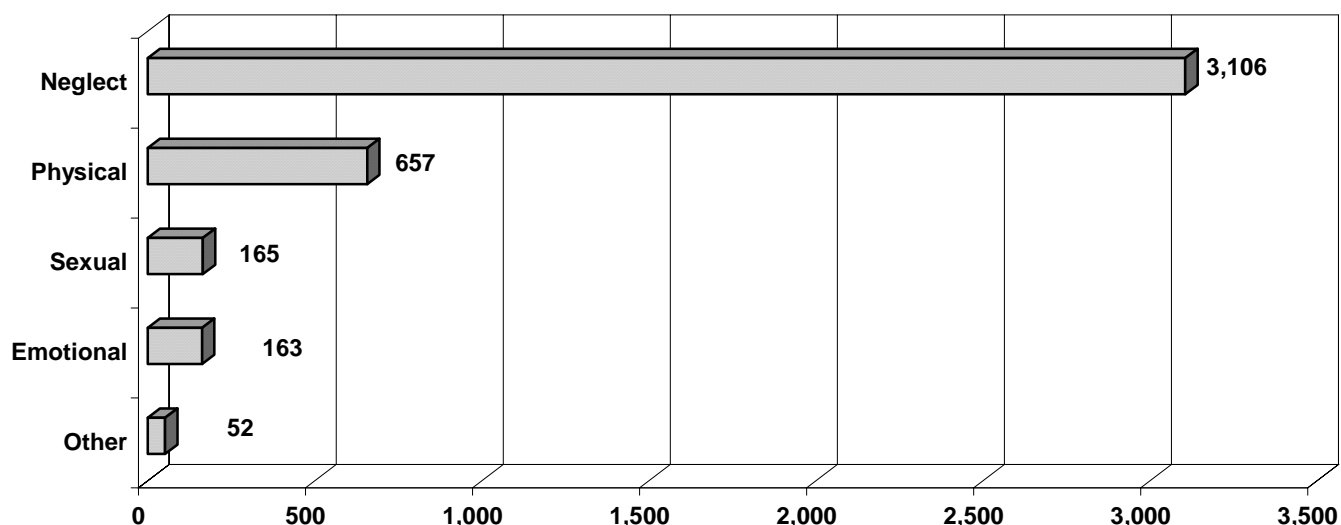
Substantiated Maltreatment of Children by Type of Special Characteristic

Type Of Special Characteristic	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Other	Total
Diagnosed Emotionally Disturbed	417	84	35	56	4	596
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Mild	210	58	27	6	3	304
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Moderate	161	36	14	3	3	217
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Severe	47	5	0	1	1	54
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Profound	36	6	0	0	0	42
Diagnosed Vision/Hearing Impaired	87	15	6	5	1	114
Diagnosed Physically Disabled	150	18	2	0	4	174
Other Medically Diagnosed Condition	904	123	36	18	17	1,098
Behavior	1,238	380	68	91	21	1,798
Alcohol Abuse - Child	21	0	0	0	1	22
Drugs/Other Sub. Abuse -Child	332	27	0	9	7	375
Total	**3,603**	**752**	**188**	**189**	**62**	**4,794**

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2004 MALTREATER DATA

Since DFCS is mandated to investigate reports involving children who are maltreated by their caretakers, the majority of the maltreaters for all types of incidents are biological parents. There are 16 relationship categories, but the categories are grouped for readability. Detailed maltreater information is not always available by age/gender.

Maltreaters	Substantiated
Biological parent	43,020
Non-biological parent	2,400
Other relative	3,126
Live-in boyfriend	853
Live-in girlfriend	225
Other, non-relative	955
Sitter/child care	260
School personnel	123
Residential facility staff	99
Unknown	656
Total	**51,717**

Maltreaters by Age and Gender			
	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Under 20 Years Old	588	1,503	2,091
20 – 29 Years Old	3,071	16,226	19,297
30 – 39 Years Old	5,199	14,486	19,685
40 – 49 Years Old	2,712	4,394	7,106
50 Years Old and Over	983	1,387	2,370
Not Reported	221	234	455
Total	**12,774**	**38,230**	**51,004**

* Note: For 713 children, maltreaters did not have age/gender information reported.

FATALITIES

In 2004, 99 children in Georgia died as a result of substantiated abuse or neglect. Deaths that are entered into the Protective Services Data System (PSDS) are those for which DFCS investigated and substantiated either abuse or neglect. In some situations where a child died at the hands of a caregiver, only law enforcement and the courts may have been involved. These cases are not recorded in PSDS.

Sixty-nine children died as a result of inadequate supervision or of other forms of parental neglect. While these deaths were unintentional, the parents or caretakers were determined to be negligent. Thirty children died from physical abuse.

Of the 99 children, 45 had no current or prior history with Child Protective Services; 54 were from families that had been investigated at some time prior to the child's death. Some of the families with previous investigations involved different children and the investigation occurred many years prior to the current involvement.

Georgia law requires a multi-agency Child Fatality Review Sub-Committee to operate in every Georgia county. These sub-committees, which include a representative from DFCS, are required to review the deaths of all children in the county who die unexpectedly. For example, the death of a child in a car accident is reviewed by the sub-committee but probably is not investigated by DFCS or entered in the data system unless neglect or abuse was indicated.

Fatalities Resulting from Neglect

Fatalities by Maltreatment Type

Miscellaneous accidents due
to insufficient supervision……………….12
Fire……………………………………...11
Medical neglect………………………….8
Suffocation/Drowning..……………….…26
Drug Exposed……………………………1
Gunshot…………………………………1
Vehicular Accident……………………… 6
Other…………………………………..…4

Total…………………………………….. 69

Criminal Charges Filed……………… 10

Maltreaters By Relationship

	Mother	Father	Boyfriend	Mother and Boyfriend	Mother and Father	Other
Misc. Accidents due to insufficient supv.	6	2	0	0	0	4
Fire	6	0	0	0	2	3
Med. Neglect	6	1	0	0	0	1
Suffocation/ Drowning	11	6	1	0	7	1
Drug Exposed	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gunshot	0	0	0	0	1	0
Vehicular Accident	2	1	0	0	1	2
Other	1	1	0	0	0	2

Fatalities Resulting from Abuse

Fatalities by Maltreatment Type

Blunt Force Trauma 11
Beatings/Multiple Abuses 3
Inadequate Medical Care/
Supervision………………....…. 4
Gunshot……………….…………1
Suffocation/Drowning…..………... 4
Shaken Baby Syndrome…………6
Drug Exposure…..………………1

Total……………..……………...30
Criminal Charges Filed………..23

Maltreaters by Relationship

	Mother	Father	Boyfriend	Mother and Boyfriend	Mother and Father	Other
Blunt Force Trauma	1	3	4	1	1	1
Beatings/Multiple Abuses	2	0	0	0	1	0
Inad. Med. Care/Supervision	3	0	1	0	0	0
Gunshot	1	0	0	0	0	0
Suffocation/Drowning	2	1	0	0	0	1
Shaken Baby Syndrome	0	4	0	0	1	1
Drug Exposure	1	0	0	0	0	0

Victim Data

The following numbers identify the children who died from confirmed maltreatment by the categories of race, age and gender.

Race

Black.. 39
White 50
Asian.. 2
Multiple Race.. 1
Unable to Determine………………………...7

Hispanic/Latino Origin ………………………..… 13

Age

Under Age One 42
One to Three Years 37
Four to Five Years………………………………..…...6
Six to Thirteen Years ……………………………….…11
Fourteen to Seventeen…………………………..……3

Gender

Male...64

Female...35

NEGLECT

This and the following sections of this report give a breakdown of incidents by type of maltreatment. Neglect is the most commonly reported and most often substantiated type of maltreatment. Neglect occurs if a parent or caretaker, either deliberately or by chronic disregard, permits a child to suffer and/or fails to provide one or more of the elements necessary for the child's physical, intellectual, social and emotional development.

Incidents of neglect are frequently reported with other types of maltreatment, because it is often assumed that the child who is physically or sexually abused was also not adequately supervised or was neglected in some way that contributed to the other reported maltreatment.

In 2004, 110,043 incidents of neglect were reported. Of these, 43,888 were substantiated. The most common type of substantiated neglect is inadequate supervision. This ranges from a child staying home alone after school to children locked overnight in an apartment without adult supervision. Inadequate supervision is also frequently cited in sexual abuse cases, as it is commonly believed that the maltreater might not have had access to the child if the child had been adequately supervised by a responsible parent.

When families do not have adequate food, clothing or shelter, DFCS may provide services or refer them to a more appropriate community resource. Some families, where neglect is a result of poverty, may be eligible for DFCS Prevention of Unnecessary Placement (PUP) services to help alleviate the problems causing the neglect without removing the children from the home.

Determination	Number of Incidents
Substantiated	43,888
Unsubstantiated	66,155
Total	**110,043**

Substantiated Neglect Categories*

Category	Value
Malnourishment/Failure to Thrive	102
Abandonment/Rejection**	1,190
Inadequate Supervision	25,987
Inadequate Food, Clothing, Shelter	11,034
Inadequate Health, Medical Care	2,582
Emotional/Psychological	10,142
Educational/Cognitive	1,645
Gunshot	16
Suffocation/Drowning	19
Birth Addicted/Birth Exposed	656
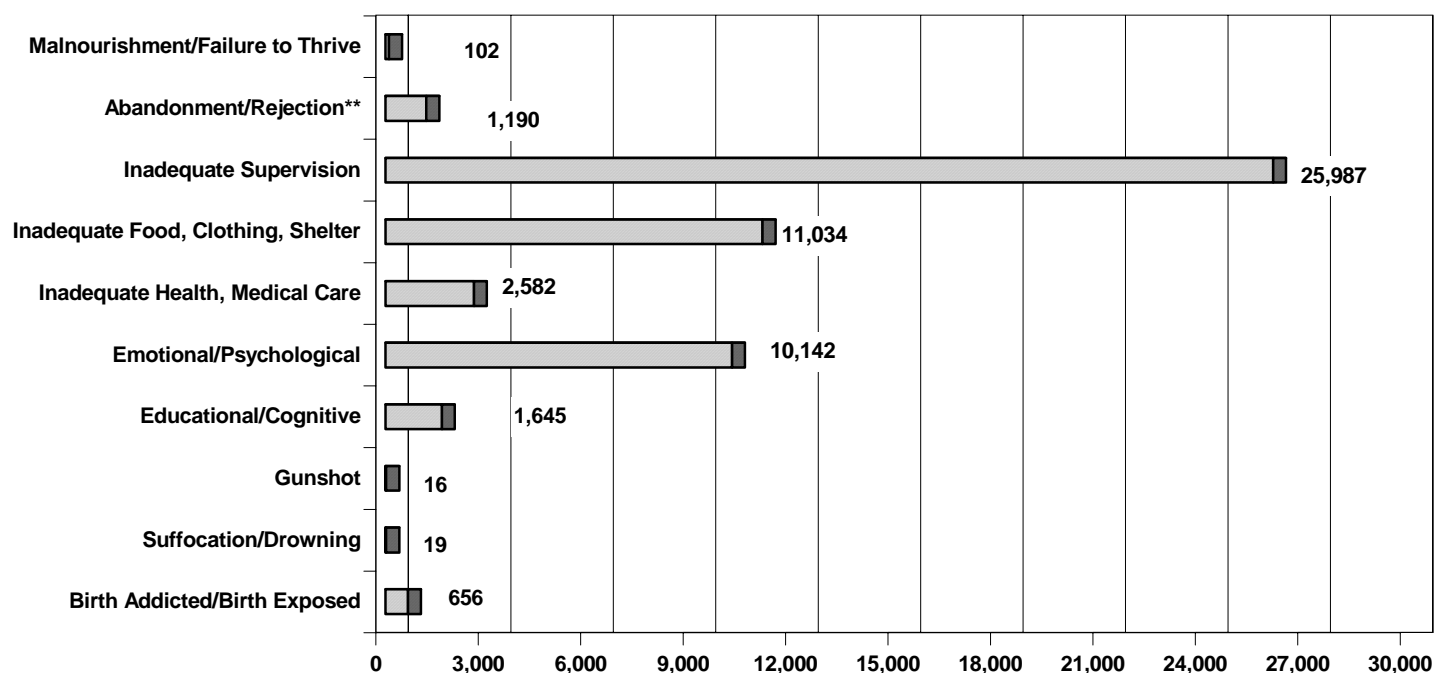
* The total of all categories of neglect will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of neglect.

** The abandonment/rejection category includes not only children for whom a parent no longer wants responsibility; it also includes children who may not be picked up as scheduled from school, children left with a babysitter beyond planned pick-up times, etc.

NEGLECT – VICTIM DATA

The following tables identify characteristics of children who were victims of substantiated neglect. Children Ages 1- 3 years accounted for the largest percentage of victims (21%). Children who were younger than 1 year accounted for 11% of the victims. In general, as age increased victimization decreased. More than half of all victims were White (56%) with African American victims accounting for 40%. The ethnicity of 7% of the victims was Hispanic. Percentages of victims were similar for Males (51%) and Females (49%).

Age of Victims

Age Group	Number
Under 1	4,787
1-3	9,164
4-6	8,452
7-9	7,346
10-12	6,349
13-15	5,791
16-17	1,991
Not Reported	8

Gender of Victims

Gender	Number
Male	22,165
Female	21,723

NEGLECT – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims

Category	Value
Black/African American	17,583
White	24,475
Asian	153
American Indian/Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian/Oth.Pac.Islander	28
Multiple Race	540
Unable to Determine	937
Not Reported	171

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Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims

Category	Value
Yes	3,018
No	40,040
Unable to Determine	817
Not Reported	13

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NEGLECT – MALTREATER DATA

In 2004, there were 43,888 substantiated incidents of neglect. The biological mother was the perpetrator in seventy- two percent of the incidents.

The table shows the maltreater's relationship to the child at the time the neglect occurred. A maltreater who was involved in more than one incident of neglect is counted more than once.

Maltreater's Relationship to Victim

Relationship	Count
Biological Mother	31,722
Biological Father	6,604
Biological Parent - Gender Unknown	77
Non-Biological Parent	1,529
Other Relative	2,116
Live-in Boyfriend	571
Live-in Girlfriend	161
Live-in Gender Unknown	3
Other, Non-Relative	448
Sitter/Child Care	163
School Personnel	84
Residential Facility Staff	43
Unknown	367
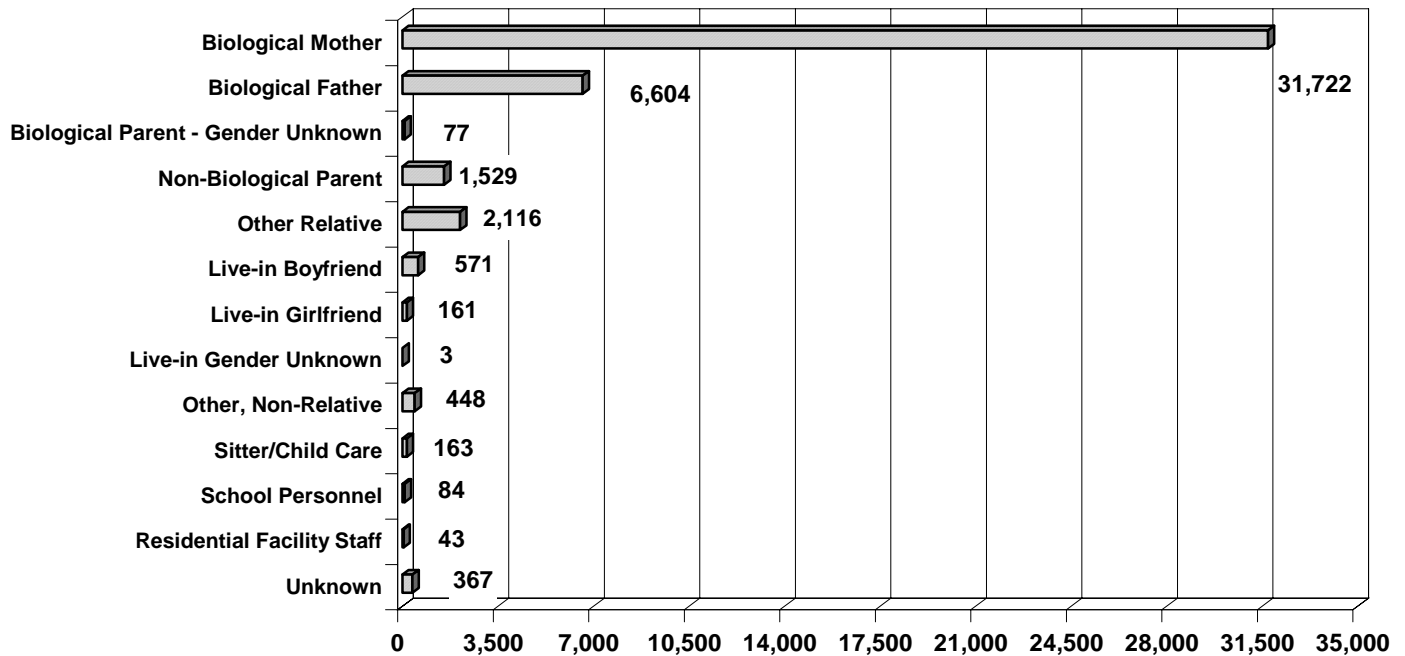
Substantiated Neglect – Characteristics of Maltreaters			
	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	2,448	14,854	**17,302**
White	6,111	19,054	**25,165**
Asian	62	108	**170**
American Indian/Alaska Native	23	33	**56**
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	11	42	**53**
Multiple Race	11	30	**41**
Unable to Determine	203	469	**672**
Total	**8,869**	**34,590**	**43,459**
Maltreater Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino	*610*	*1,456*	*2,066*

* 429 incidents did not have maltreater race/gender reported.

PHYSICAL ABUSE

Physical abuse is injury to a child under the age of 18 by other than accidental means by a parent or caretaker which results in bruises, welts, fractures, burns, cuts, internal injuries, etc. Physical abuse often occurs in the name of discipline or punishment and may involve the use of the hand or the use of objects. Physical injury is defined as bodily harm or hurt, excluding mental distress, fright or emotional disturbance.

In 2004, 20,817 incidents of physical abuse were reported; 5,599 were substantiated. Bruises, welts and abrasions, which often results from inappropriate discipline, is the most common type of physical abuse.

Determination	Number of Incidents
Substantiated	5,599
Unsubstantiated	15,218
Total	**20,817**

Substantiated Physical Abuse Categories*
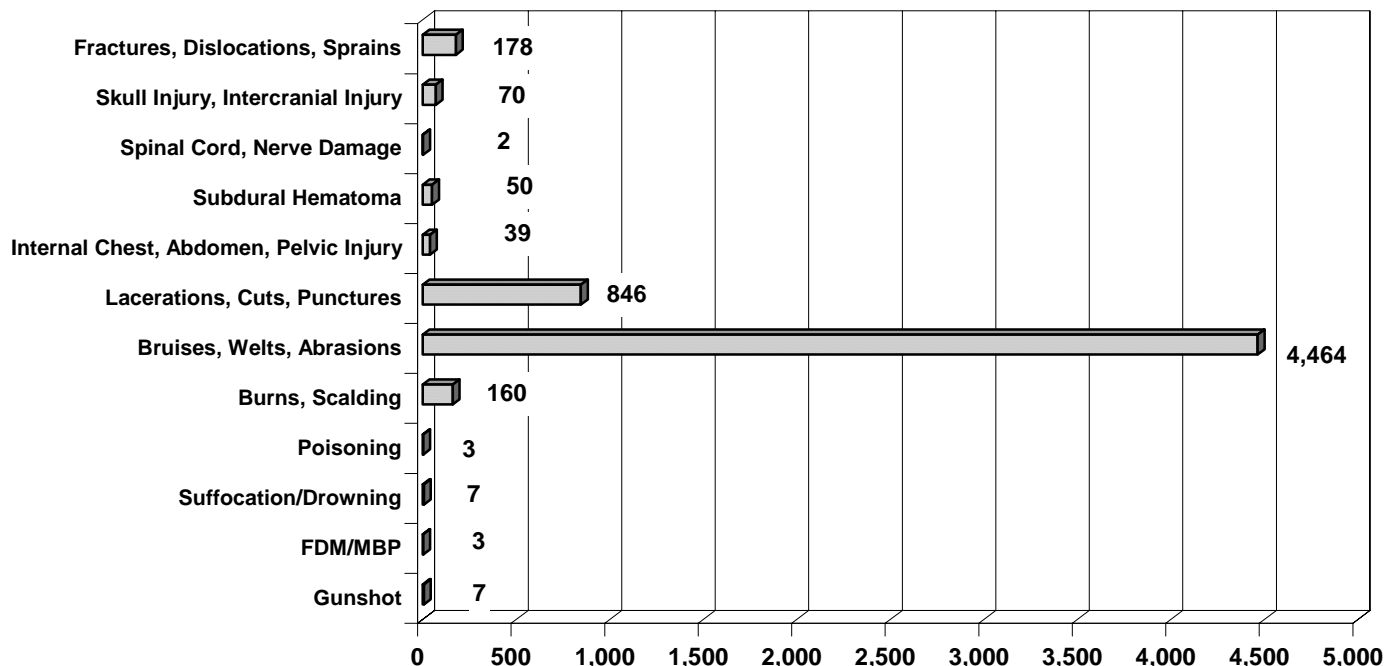
Category	Number
Fractures, Dislocations, Sprains	178
Skull Injury, Intercranial Injury	70
Spinal Cord, Nerve Damage	2
Subdural Hematoma	50
Internal Chest, Abdomen, Pelvic Injury	39
Lacerations, Cuts, Punctures	846
Bruises, Welts, Abrasions	4,464
Burns, Scalding	160
Poisoning	3
Suffocation/Drowning	7
FDM/MBP	3
Gunshot	7

* The total of all categories of abuse will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of physical abuse.

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PHYSICAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

The following tables identify characteristics of children who were victims of physical abuse. In general, school-aged children were predominantly the victims of physical abuse: Ages 4-6 (19%), Ages 7-9 (20%), Ages 10-12 (18%) and Ages 13-15 (21%).   For physical abuse, 53% were African-American while 42% were White. The ethnicity of 7% of the victims was Hispanic. Males accounted for 54% of the victims.

Age of Victims
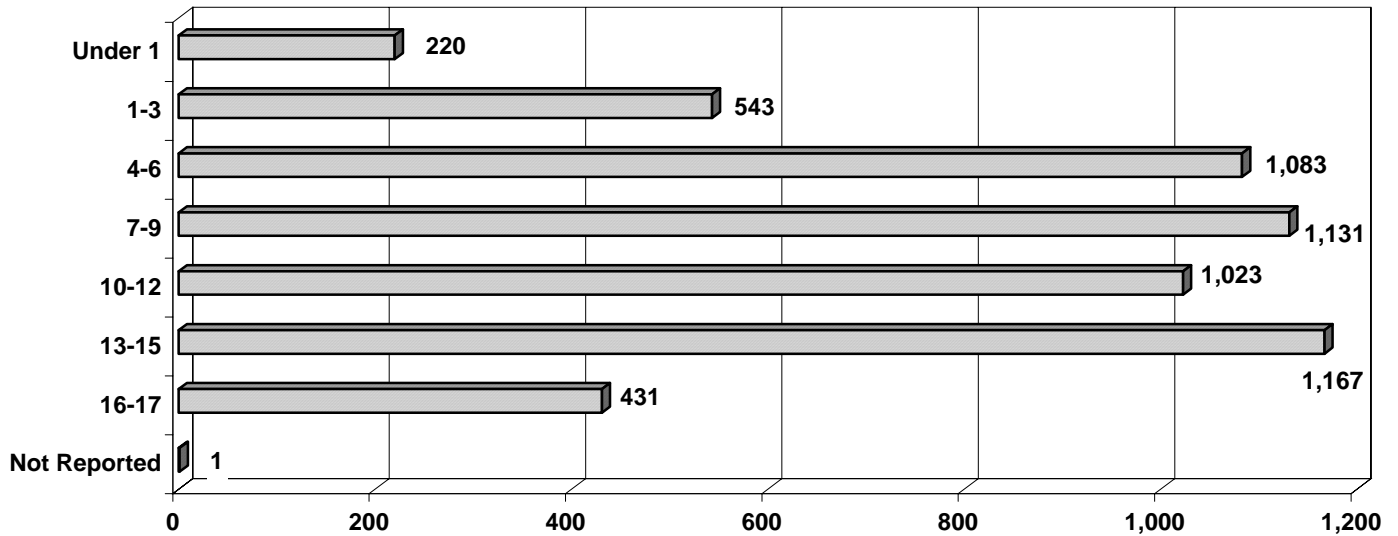
Age	Count
Under 1	220
1-3	543
4-6	1,083
7-9	1,131
10-12	1,023
13-15	1,167
16-17	431
Not Reported	1

Gender of Victims

Gender	Count
Male	3,034
Female	2,565

PHYSICAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims

Race	Count
Black/African American	2,965
White	2,379
Asian	38
American Indian/Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian/Oth.Pac.Islander	2
Multiple Race	45
Unable to Determine	154
Not Reported	16

Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims

Origin	Count
Yes	417
No	5,088
Unable to Determine	94
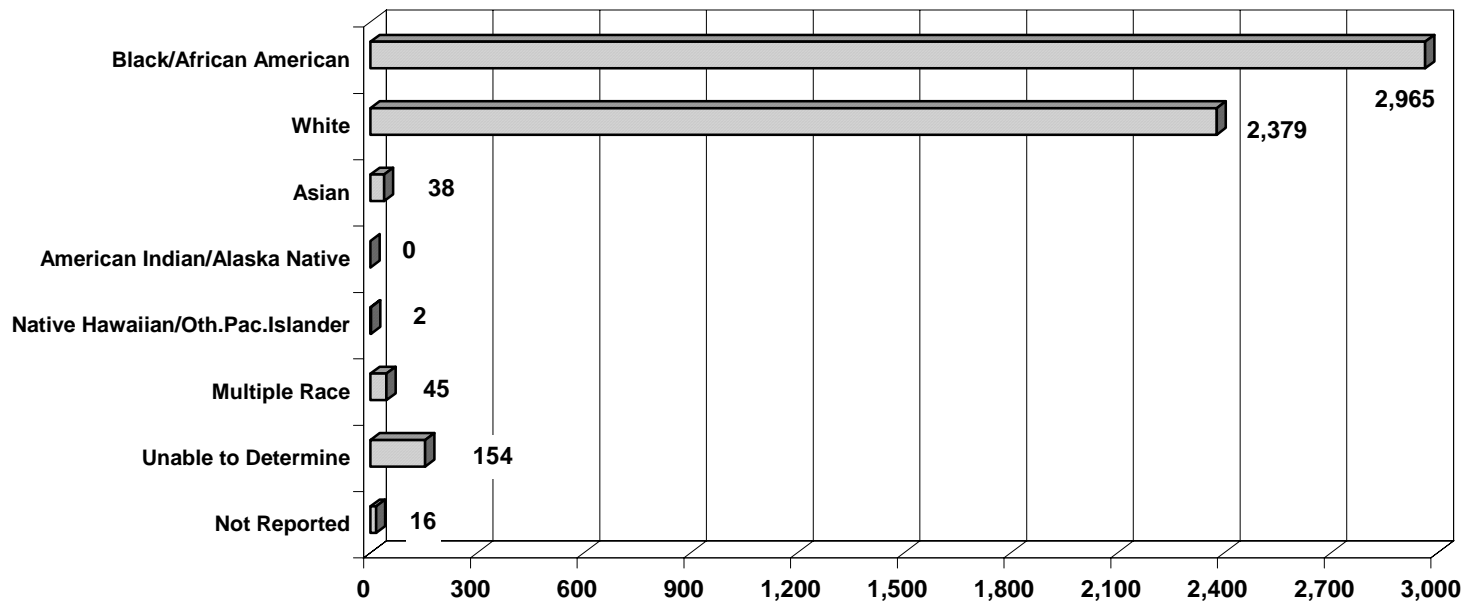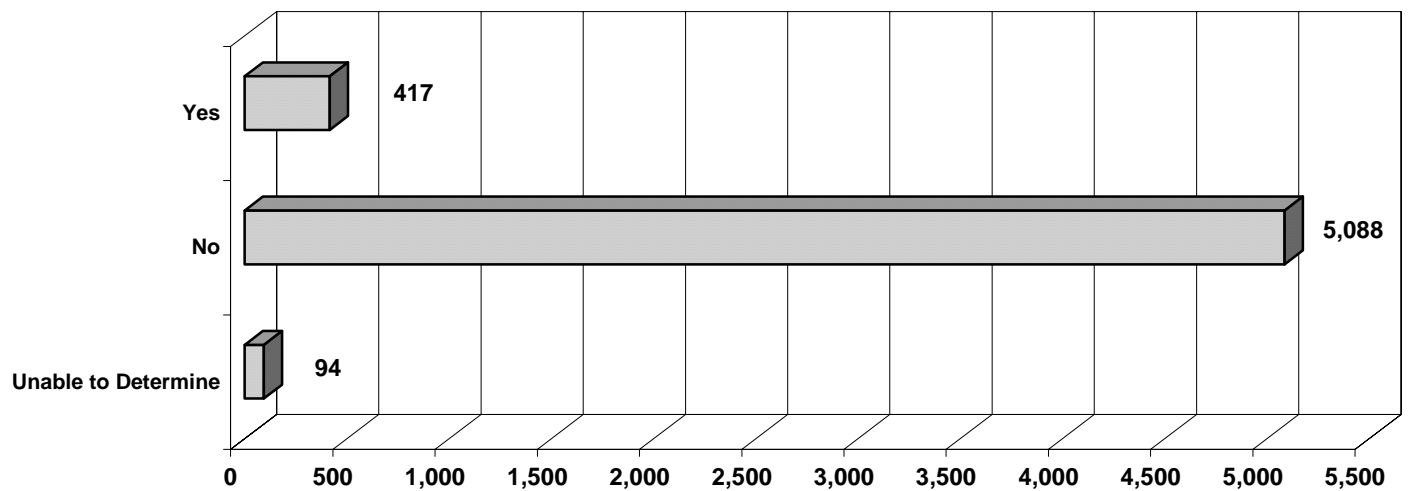
PHYSICAL ABUSE – MALTREATER DATA

In 2004 there were 5,599 substantiated incidents of physical abuse. The biological mother was the perpetrator in forty-four percent of the incidents. The biological father was the perpetrator in twenty-five percent of the incidents.

The following chart shows the maltreater's relationship to the child at the time the physical abuse occurred. A maltreater who was involved in more than one incident of physical abuse is counted more than once.

Maltreater's Relationship to Victim

Relationship	Value
Biological Mother	2,491
Biological Father	1,389
Biological Parent - Gender Unknown	11
Non-Biological Parent	626
Other Relative	423
Live-in Boyfriend	236
Live-in Girlfriend	54
Live-in Gender Unknown	2
Other, Non-Relative	115
Sitter/Child Care	74
School Personnel	31
Residential Facility Staff	32
Unknown	115
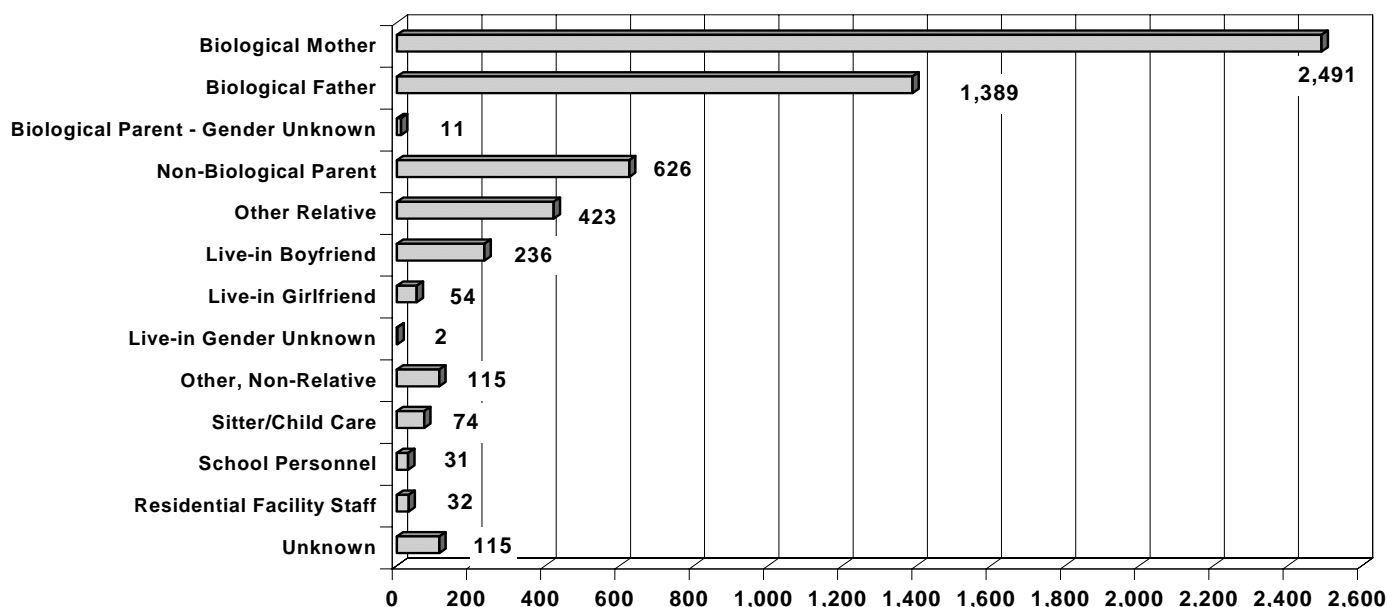
Substantiated Physical Abuse – Characteristics of Maltreaters			
	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	1,043	1,927	**2,970**
White	1,181	1,105	**2,286**
Asian	20	30	**50**
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	5	**8**
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	9	8	**17**
Multiple Race	2	3	**5**
Unable to Determine	66	73	**139**
Total	**2,324**	**3,151**	**5,475**
Maltreater Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino	*129*	*178*	*307*

* 124 incidents did not have maltreater race/gender reported.

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SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse is a form of child maltreatment in which contacts or interactions (such as fondling, sodomy, penetration) occur between a child under 18 and the parent or caretaker, during which the child is being used for the sexual stimulation of that adult or another person.

Sexual abuse may also be committed by a person under the age of 18 when that person is either significantly older than the victim or when the abuser is in a position of power or control over another child. When someone outside the child's family abuses a child, CPS must evaluate whether the parents permitted this to happen or neglected to supervise the child adequately.

Sexual exploitation is a form of maltreatment in which a child's parent or caretaker allows, permits, encourages or requires a child under the age of 18 to engage in sexual acts for the stimulation and/or gratification of adults or in prostitution as defined in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA, Section 16-6-9); allows, permits, encourages or requires such child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purposes of producing any visual or print medium (OCGA, Section 16-1-100).

In 2004, 6,984 incidents of sexual abuse were reported and 4,573 incidents substantiated. Fondling is the most often substantiated form of sexual abuse.

Determination	Number of Incidents
Substantiated	2,411
Unsubstantiated	4,573
Total	**6,984**

Substantiated Sexual Abuse Categories*
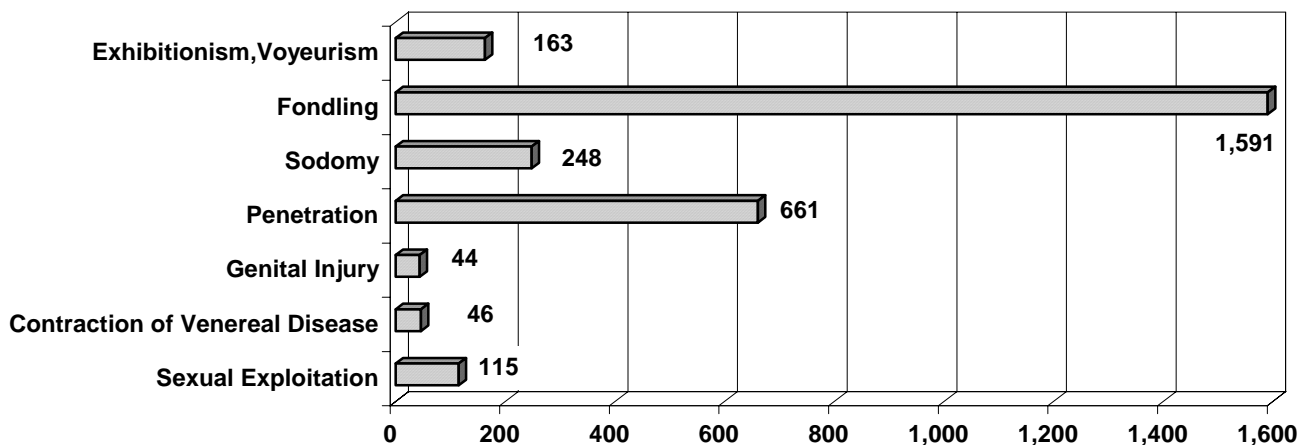
Category	Incidents
Exhibitionism,Voyeurism	163
Fondling	1,591
Sodomy	248
Penetration	661
Genital Injury	44
Contraction of Venereal Disease	46
Sexual Exploitation	115

* The total of all categories of abuse will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of sexual abuse.
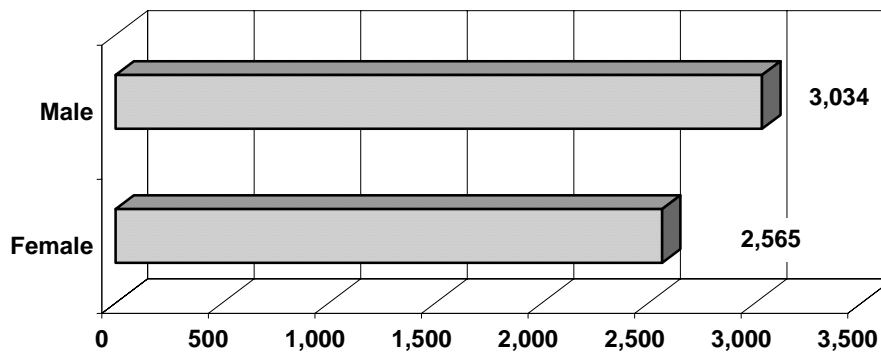
SEXUAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

The following tables identify characteristics of children who were victims of sexual abuse. In general, school-aged children were predominantly the victims of sexual abuse: Ages 4-6 (20%), Ages 7-9 (17%), Ages 10-12 (22%) and Ages 13-15 (26%).   Most victims were White (58%) with African-American victims accounting for 37%. The ethnicity of 9% of the victims was Hispanic. For sexual abuse, 82% of the victims were Females while only 18% were Males.

Age of Victims

Age	Count
Under 1	22
1-3	171
4-6	477
7-9	412
10-12	536
13-15	628
16-17	165
Not Reported	0

Gender of Victims

Gender	Count
Male	434
Female	1,977

SEXUAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims

Race	Count
Black/African American	896
White	1,408
Asian	5
American Indian/Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian/Oth.Pac.Islander	1
Multiple Race	17
Unable to Determine	76
Not Reported	8

Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims

Origin	Count
Yes	217
No	2,153
Unable to Determine	41
Not Reported	0
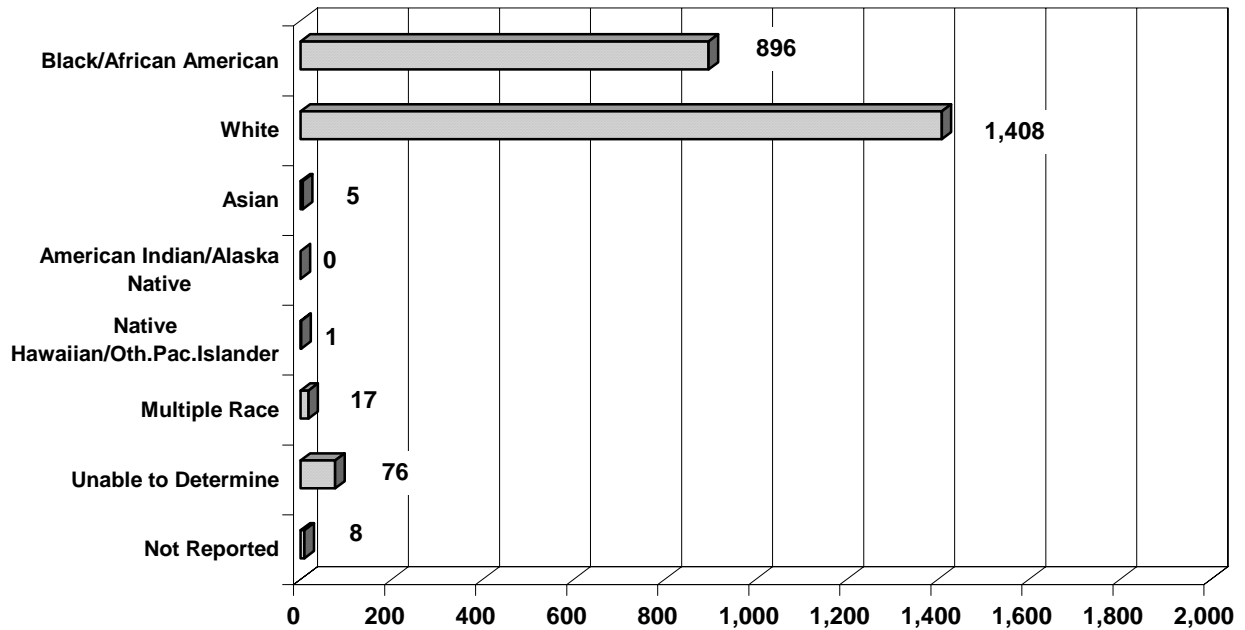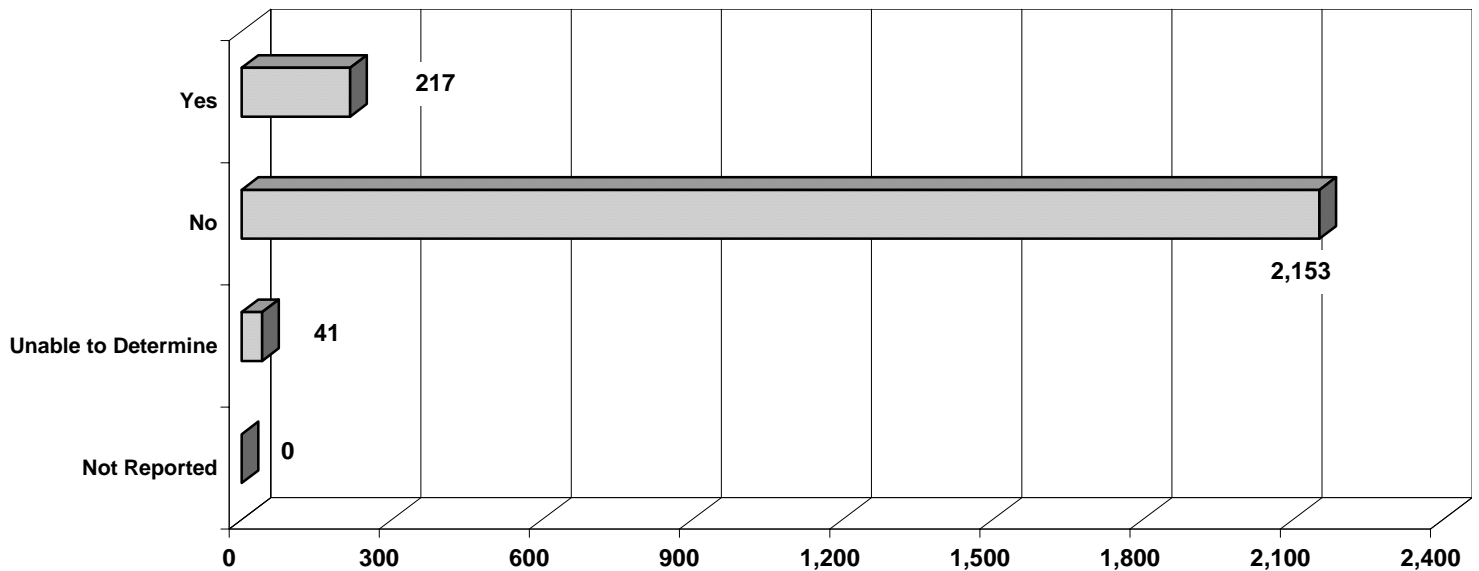
SEXUAL ABUSE – MALTREATER DATA

In 2004, there were 2,411 substantiated incidents of sexual abuse. The three most prevalent perpetrators were: Other Relative (27%), Other Non-Relative (19%), and Biological Father (15%). The following chart shows the maltreater's relationship to the child at the time the sexual abuse occurred. A maltreater who was involved in more than one incident of sexual abuse is counted more than once.

Maltreater's Relationship to Victim

Relationship	Count
Biological Mother	251
Biological Father	363
Biological Parent - Gender Unknown	3
Non-Biological Parent	281
Other Relative	649
Live-in Boyfriend	126
Live-in Girlfriend	16
Live-in Gender Unknown	0
Other, Non-Relative	461
Sitter/Child Care	29
School Personnel	7
Residential Facility Staff	17
Unknown	208
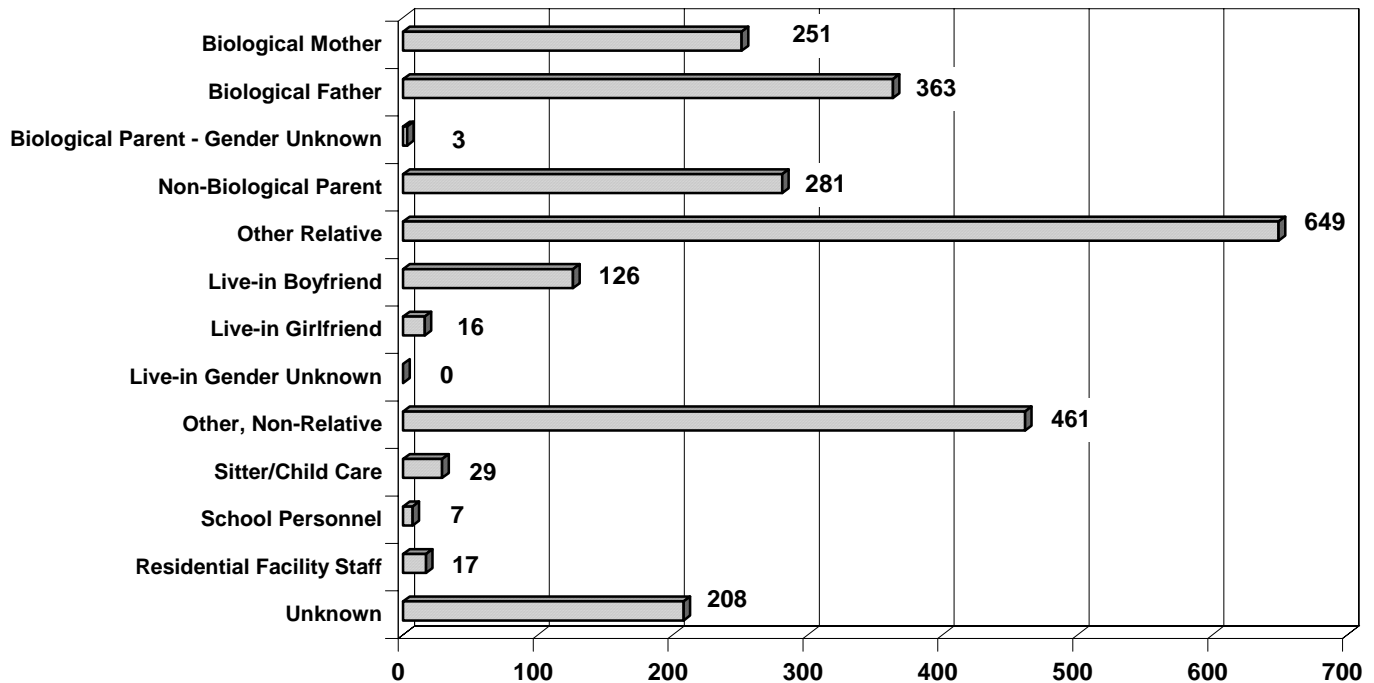
Substantiated Sexual Abuse – Characteristics of Maltreaters

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	624	205	**829**
White	1,049	239	**1,288**
Asian	4	4	**8**
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	0	**3**
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	4	1	**5**
Multiple Race	1	0	**1**
Unable to Determine	70	8	**78**
Total	**1,755**	**457**	**2,212**
Maltreater Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino	*158*	*28*	*186*

* 199 incidents did not have maltreater race/gender reported.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Psychological or emotional abuse is a form of maltreatment that results in impaired psychological growth and development. It frequently occurs as verbal abuse or excessive demands on a child's performance and may cause the child to have a negative self-image and disturbed behavior. It can occur with or without other forms of maltreatment. Emotional maltreatment is not recognized and defined by Georgia law as a form of child abuse.

Verbal threats/humiliation was the most commonly reported type of emotional abuse. Emotional Abuse is difficult to substantiate, as there are no physical indicators. In a substantiated emotional abuse case the parent has usually admitted to verbally abusing the child; the child was old enough to give a precise, detailed account of the abuse incidents; or there were others, such as family members or neighbors, who could substantiate the report.

In 2004, 4,397 incidents of emotional abuse were reported. Of these, 1,370 incidents were substantiated.

Determination	Number of Incidents
Substantiated	1,370
Unsubstantiated	3,027
Total	**4,397**

Substantiated Emotional Abuse Categories*
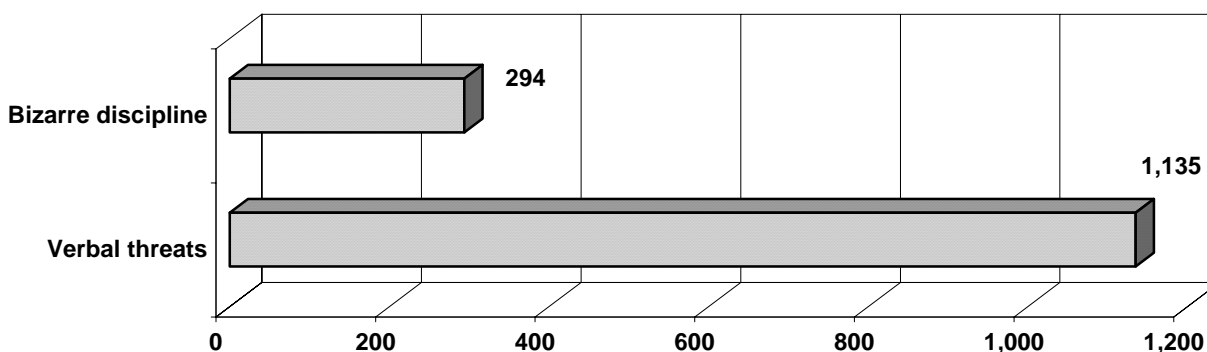
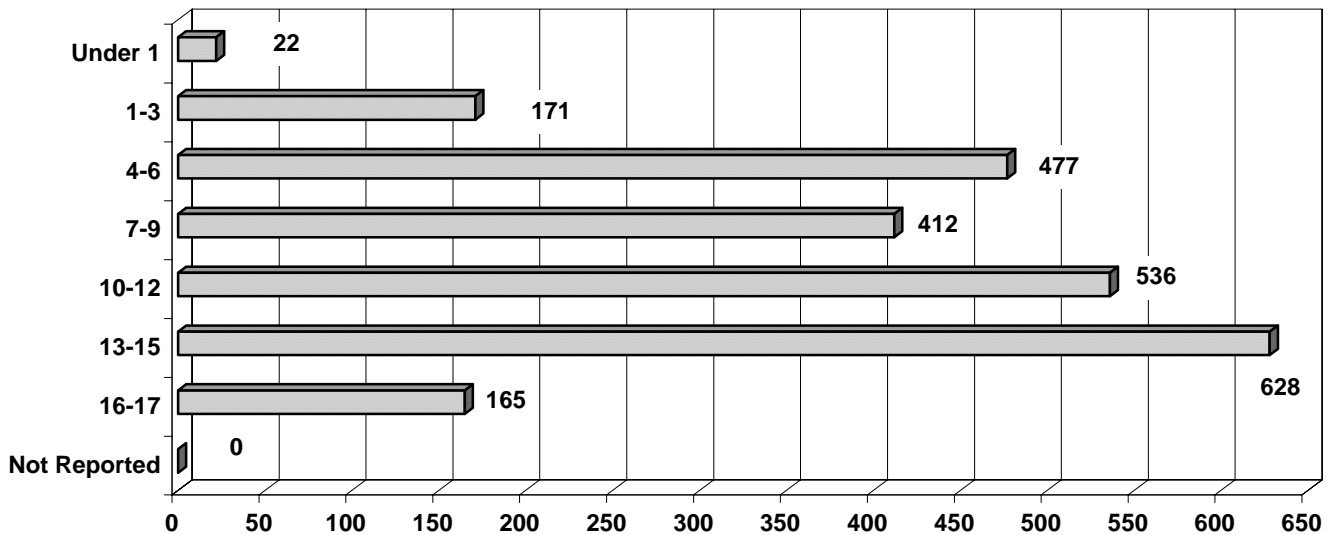
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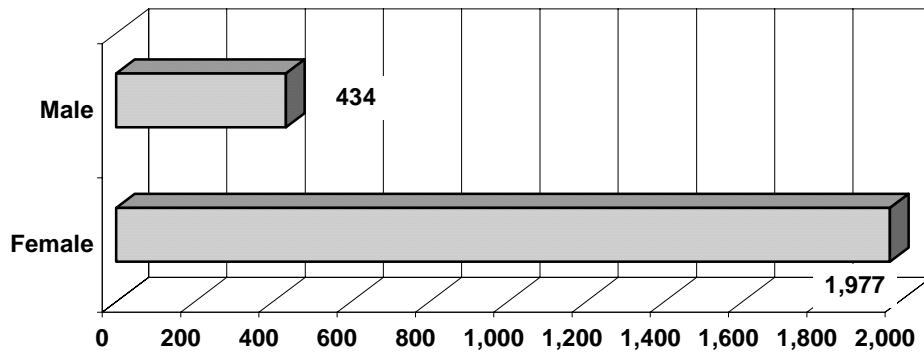
EMOTIONAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

In general, school-aged children were predominantly the victims of emotional abuse: Ages 4-6 (14%), Ages 7-9 (17%), Ages 10-12 (22%) and Ages 13-15 (24%). The majority of victims were White (62%). The ethnicity of 6% of the victims was Hispanic. The percentage of victims was similar for Males (52%) and Females (48%).

Age of Victims
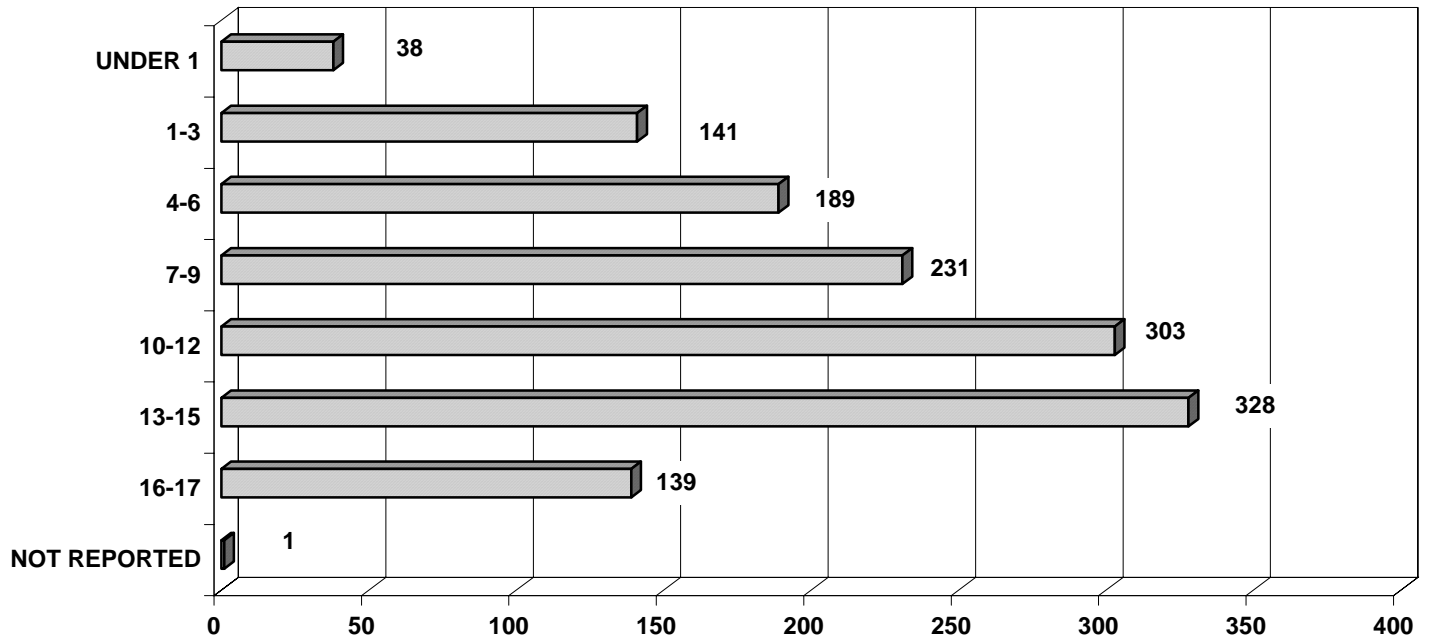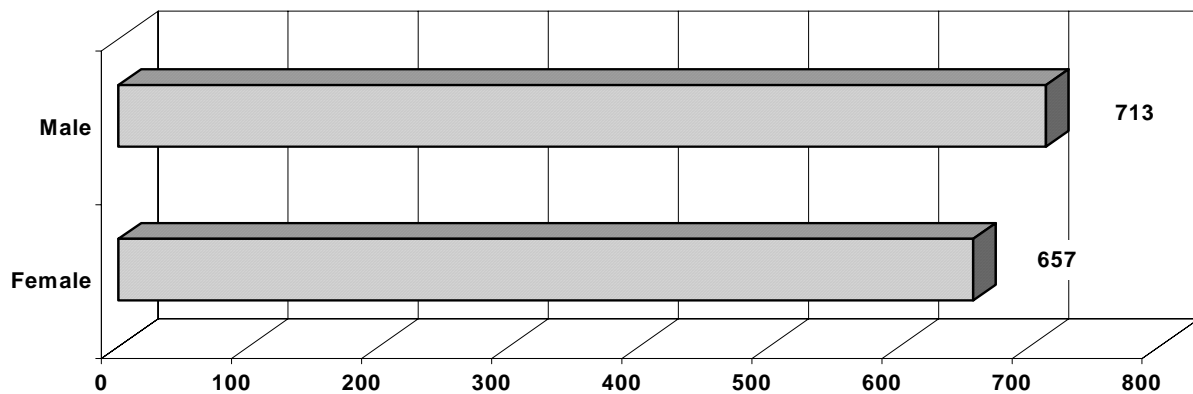
Age	Count
UNDER 1	38
1-3	141
4-6	189
7-9	231
10-12	303
13-15	328
16-17	139
NOT REPORTED	1

Gender of Victims

Gender	Count
Male	713
Female	657

EMOTIONAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims

Race	Count
Black/African American	468
White	845
Asian	15
American Indian/Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian/Oth.Pac.Islander	0
Multiple Race	21
Unable to Determine	18
Not Reported	3

Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims

Origin	Count
Yes	76
No	1,282
Unable to Determine	12
Not Reported	0
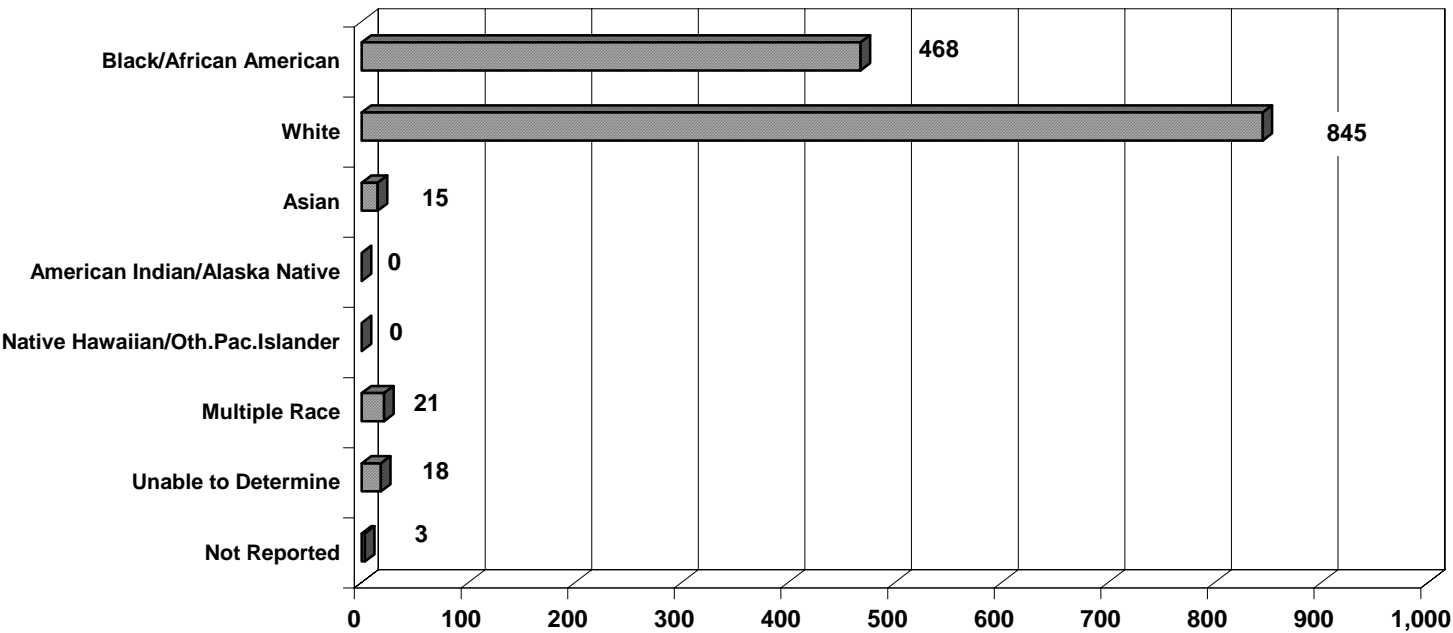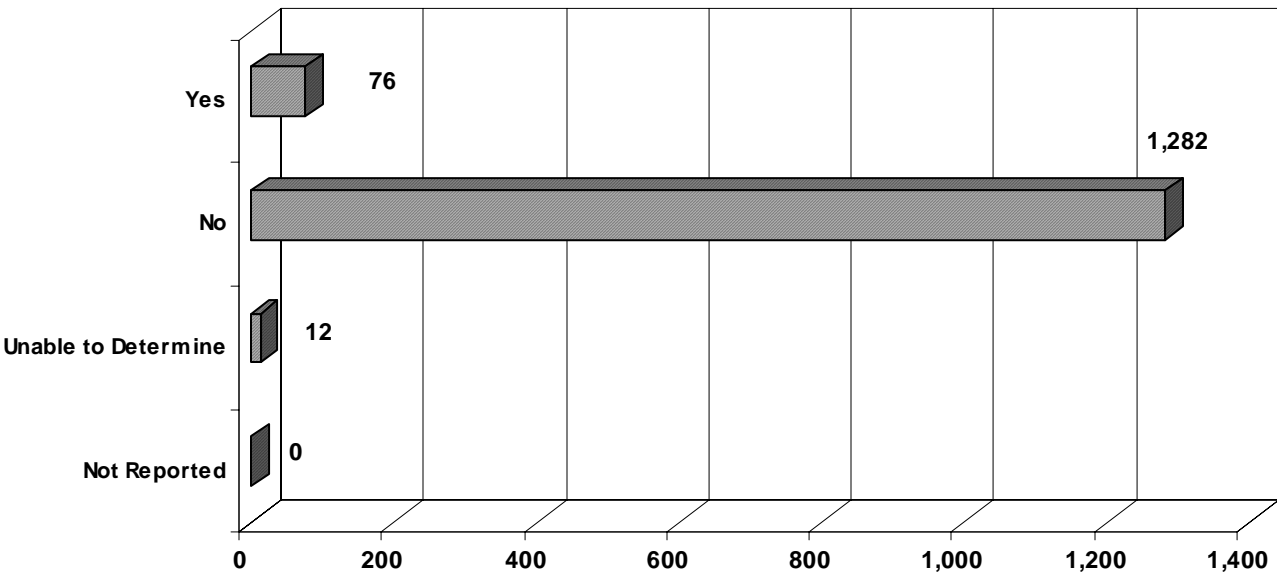
EMOTIONAL ABUSE – MALTREATER DATA

In 2004, there were 1,370 substantiated incidents of emotional abuse. The following chart shows the maltreater's relationship to the child at the time the emotional abuse occurred. A maltreater who was involved in more than one incident of emotional abuse is counted more than once. The Biological Mother (43%) and the Biological Father (28%) were the perpetrators in 71% of the incidents.

Maltreater's Relationship to Victim

Relationship	Count
Biological Mother	586
Biological Father	388
Biological Parent - Gender Unknown	1
Non-Biological Parent	210
Other Relative	80
Live-in Boyfriend	38
Live-in Girlfriend	9
Live-in Gender Unknown	0
Other, Non-Relative	18
Sitter/Child Care	7
School Personnel	12
Residential Facility Staff	6
Unknown	15
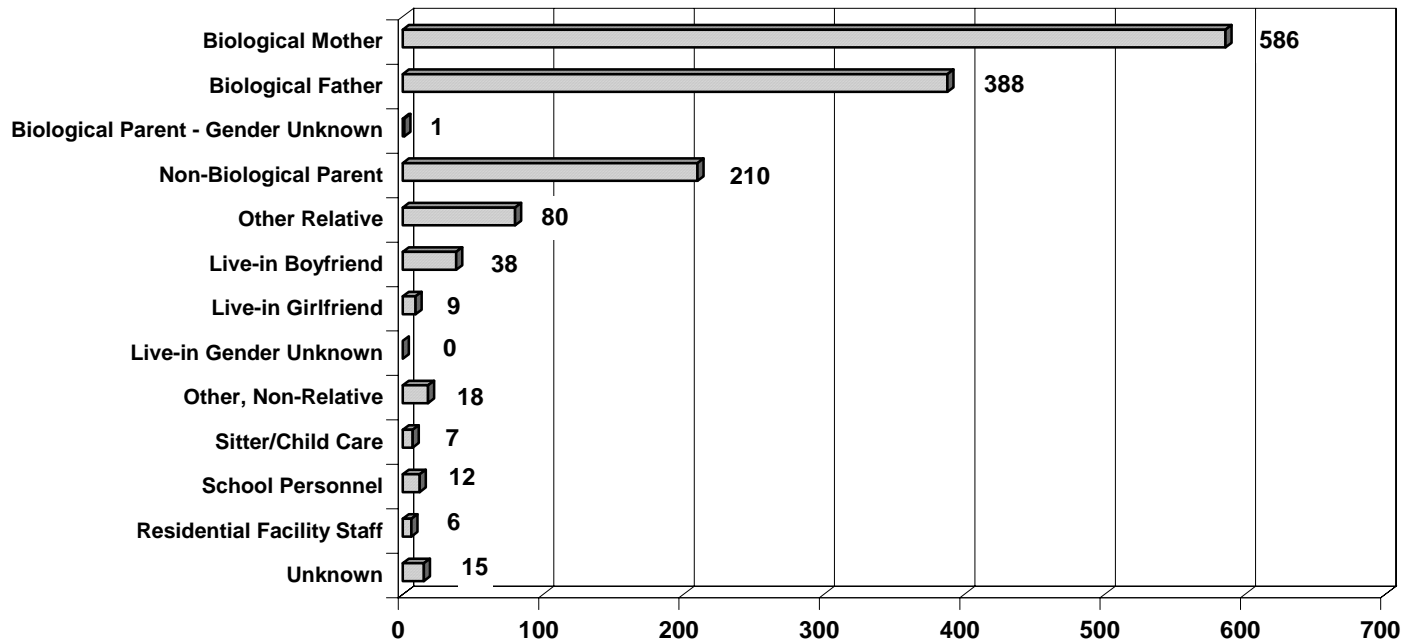
Substantiated Emotional Abuse – Characteristics of Maltreaters			
	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	165	310	475
White	434	410	844
Asian	6	7	13
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	1	1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Multiple Race	0	1	1
Unable to Determine	17	6	23
Total	622	735	1,357
Maltreater Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino	*30*	*26*	*56*

* 13 incidents did not have maltreater race/gender reported.

OTHER ABUSE

When a report is received that does not fit clearly in any other category, the report is classified as "other." In 2004, 2,500 incidents were reported under this category, and 650 incidents were substantiated.

Determination	Number of Incidents
Substantiated	650
Unsubstantiated	1,850
Total	**2,500**

OTHER ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

The following graphs identify the children who were victims of substantiated other maltreatment. The children most at risk of other maltreatment are between the ages of birth and three years old.

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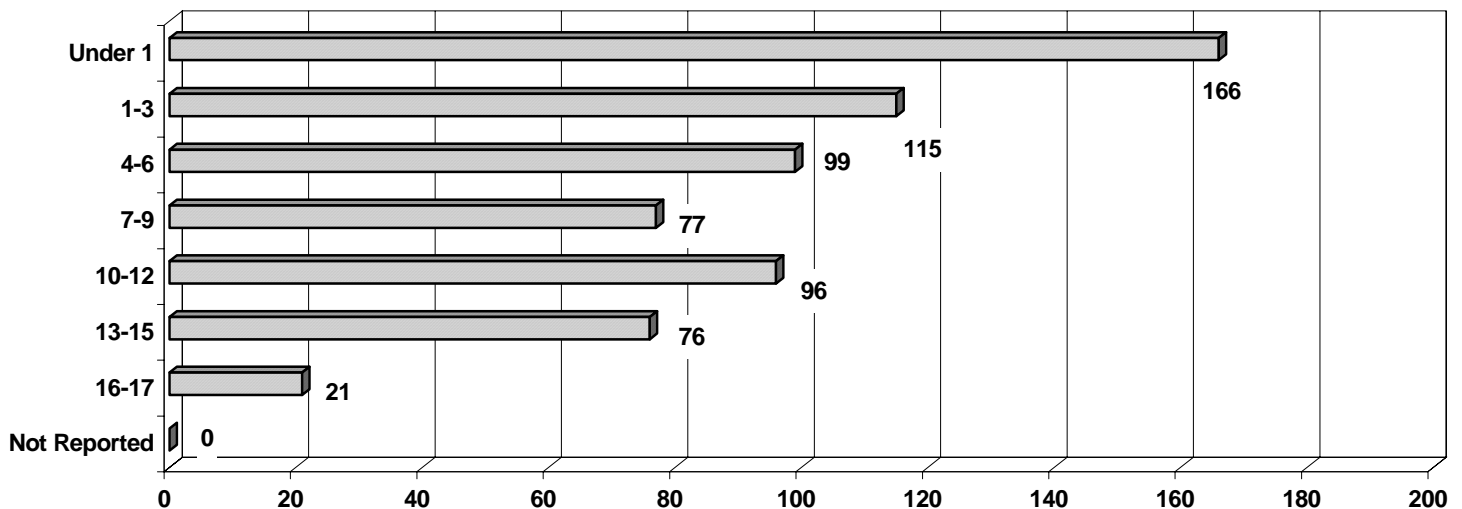
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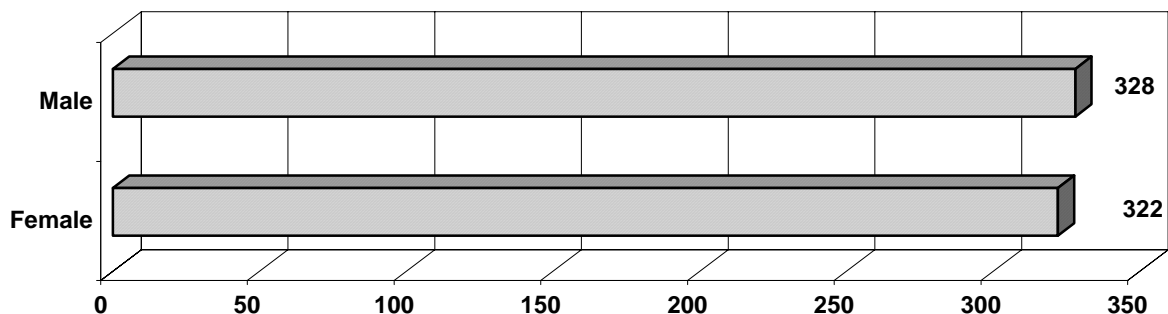
OTHER ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims

Category	Value
Black/African American	302
White	330
Asian	1
American Indian/Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian/Oth.Pac.Islander	0
Multiple Race	10
Unable to Determine	5
Not Reported	2

Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims

Category	Value
Yes	39
No	597
Unable to Determine	14
Not Reported	0
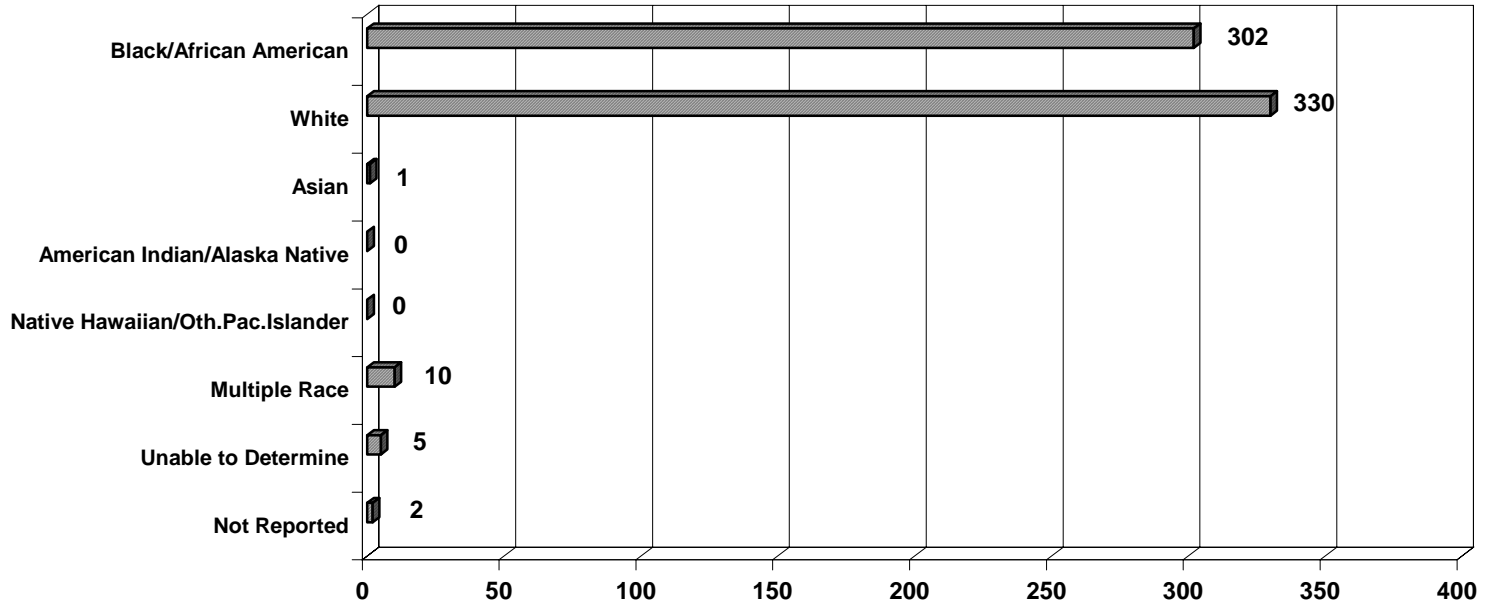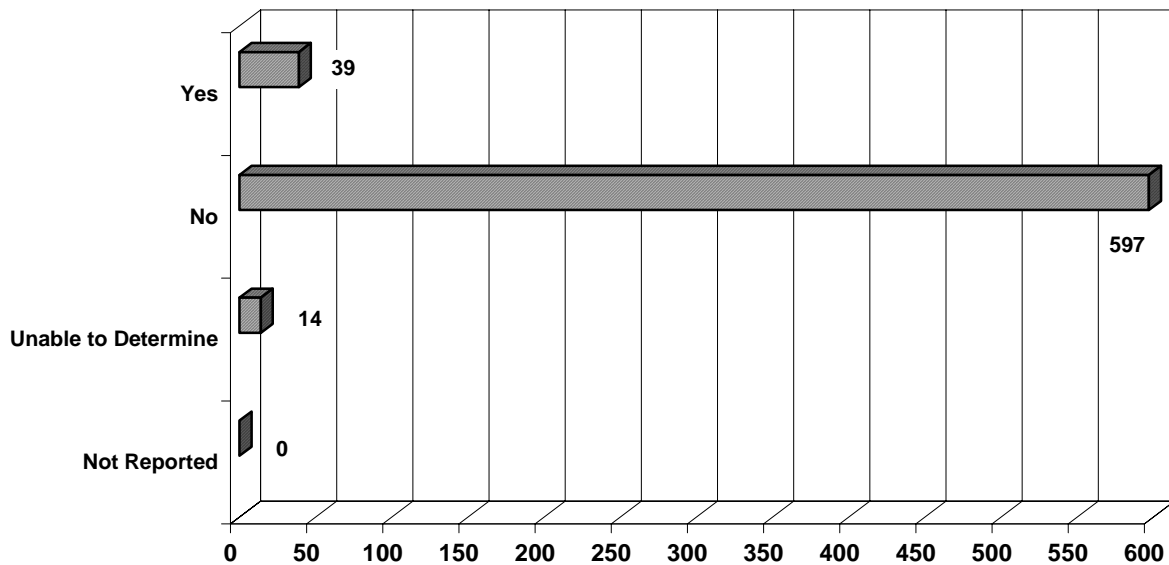
OTHER ABUSE – MALTREATER DATA

In 2004, there were 650 substantiated incidents of "other" maltreatment. The biological mother is the most frequently reported maltreater. The chart shows the maltreater's relationship to the child when the incident of other maltreatment occurred.

Maltreater's Relationship to Victim

Relationship	Value
Biological Mother	440
Biological Father	111
Biological Parent - Gender Unknown	0
Non-biological Parent	21
Other Relative	49
Live-in Boyfriend	4
Live-in Girlfriend	4
Live-in Gender Unknown	0
Other, non-relative	6
Sitter/child care	0
School personnel	1
Residential facility staff	1
Unknown	13
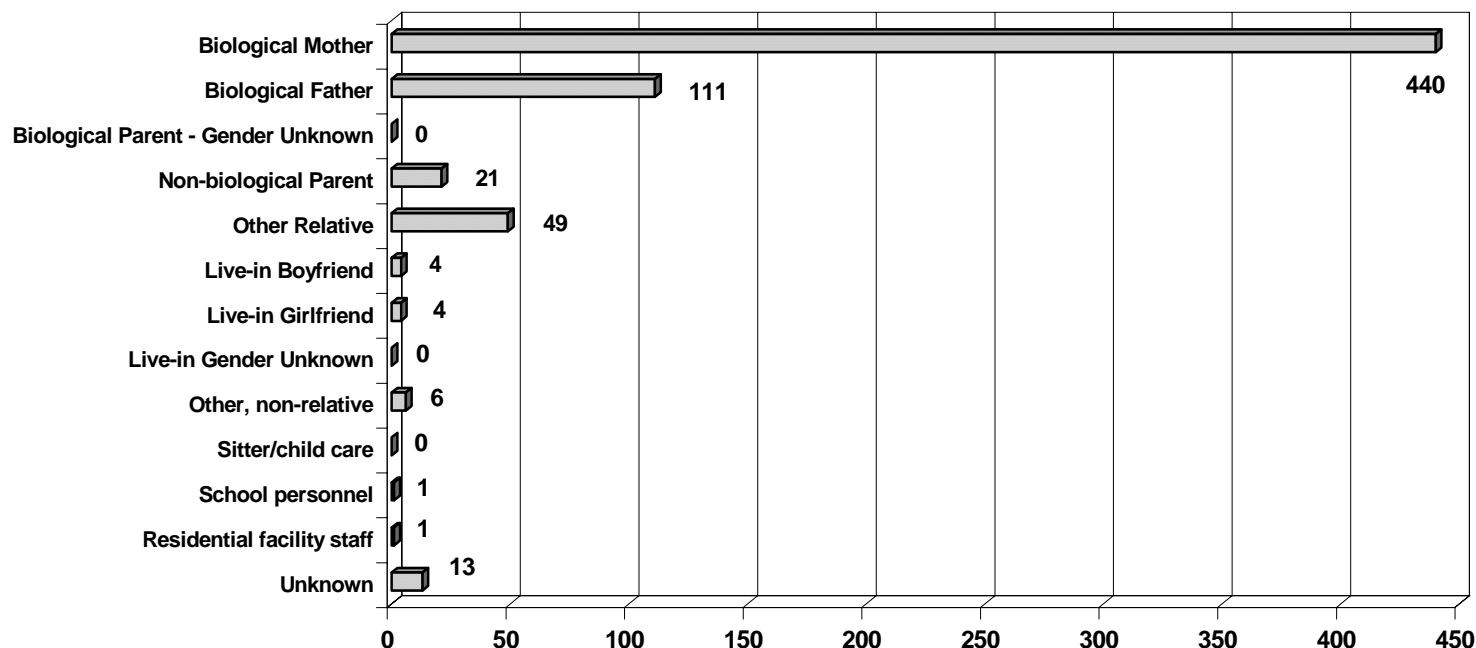
Substantiated Other Abuse – Characteristics of Maltreaters			
	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	54	244	**298**
White	91	243	**334**
Asian	0	1	**1**
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	**0**
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0	**0**
Multiple Race		2	**2**
Unable to Determine	3	4	**7**
Total	**148**	**494**	**642**
Maltreater Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino	*13*	*12*	*25*

* 8 incidents did not have maltreater race/gender reported.

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TABLES

2004 COUNTY DATA

January 2004 – December 2004

Table 1: Child Abuse and Neglect Annual Report
Reports by County
January 2004 - December 2004

| | TOTAL REPORTS | Screened-Out Reports | | Reports Accepted for Service (Investigations) | | Investigations by Disposition | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Substantiated | | | | Unsubstantiated | | | |
		Number	%	Number	%	Open	Closed	Total	% Invest.	Open	Closed	Total	% Invest.
STATE TOTAL	101,563	16,001	16%	85,562	84%	17,574	13,377	30,951	36%	2,253	52,358	54,611	64%
Appling	340	41	12%	299	88%	94	46	140	47%	5	154	159	53%
Atkinson	110	17	15%	93	85%	13	20	33	35%	0	60	60	65%
Bacon	149	24	16%	125	84%	25	20	45	36%	1	79	80	64%
Baker	79	15	19%	64	81%	12	19	31	48%	7	26	33	52%
Baldwin	640	64	10%	576	90%	186	79	265	46%	28	283	311	54%
Banks	314	44	14%	270	86%	63	15	78	29%	3	189	192	71%
Barrow	1,544	473	31%	1,071	69%	219	239	458	43%	19	594	613	57%
Bartow	963	92	10%	871	90%	250	113	363	42%	24	484	508	58%
Ben Hill	472	61	13%	411	87%	73	41	114	28%	25	272	297	72%
Berrien	307	44	14%	263	86%	60	28	88	33%	4	171	175	67%
Bibb	2,818	632	22%	2,186	78%	358	94	452	21%	271	1,463	1,734	79%
Bleckley	187	21	11%	166	89%	44	24	68	41%	4	94	98	59%
Brantley	372	40	11%	332	89%	27	51	78	23%	5	249	254	77%
Brooks	213	33	15%	180	85%	59	26	85	47%	1	94	95	53%
Bryan	282	96	34%	186	66%	22	23	45	24%	2	139	141	76%
Bulloch	449	27	6%	422	94%	80	45	125	30%	10	287	297	70%
Burke	240	22	9%	218	91%	27	23	50	23%	1	167	168	77%
Butts	453	51	11%	402	89%	123	66	189	47%	11	202	213	53%
Calhoun	86	18	21%	68	79%	19	3	22	32%	3	43	46	68%
Camden	525	111	21%	414	79%	36	79	115	28%	9	290	299	72%
Candler	183	44	24%	139	76%	23	31	54	39%	1	84	85	61%
Carroll	995	121	12%	874	88%	204	128	332	38%	18	524	542	62%
Catoosa	1,014	290	29%	724	71%	124	96	220	30%	11	493	504	70%
Charlton	182	15	8%	167	92%	33	25	58	35%	1	108	109	65%
Chatham	1,838	393	21%	1,445	79%	232	334	566	39%	20	859	879	61%
Chattahoochee	89	7	8%	82	92%	14	20	34	41%	0	48	48	59%
Chattooga	679	224	33%	455	67%	110	94	204	45%	8	243	251	55%
Cherokee	2,117	692	33%	1,425	67%	312	316	628	44%	66	731	797	56%
Clarke	1,308	125	10%	1,183	90%	138	248	386	33%	15	782	797	67%
Clay	34	0	0%	34	100%	6	3	9	26%	0	25	25	74%
Clayton	2,354	349	15%	2,005	85%	316	306	622	31%	38	1,345	1,383	69%
Clinch	106	14	13%	92	87%	20	13	33	36%	2	57	59	64%
Cobb	4,109	1355	33%	2,754	67%	349	670	1,019	37%	25	1,710	1,735	63%
Coffee	482	32	7%	450	93%	78	91	169	38%	3	278	281	62%
Colquitt	664	90	14%	574	86%	178	98	276	48%	19	279	298	52%
Columbia	670	102	15%	568	85%	110	100	210	37%	2	356	358	63%
Cook	457	73	16%	384	84%	98	57	155	40%	21	208	229	60%
Coweta	731	37	5%	694	95%	97	91	188	27%	9	497	506	73%
Crawford	120	13	11%	107	89%	37	16	53	50%	2	52	54	50%

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| | TOTAL REPORTS | | | | | Substantiated | | | | Unsubstantiated | | | |
		Number	%	Number	%	Open	Closed	Total	% Invest.	Open	Closed	Total	% Invest.
Crisp	513	73	14%	440	86%	116	56	172	39%	21	247	268	61%
Dade	188	64	34%	124	66%	34	13	47	38%	1	76	77	62%
Dawson	319	86	27%	233	73%	25	26	51	22%	1	181	182	78%
Decatur	442	74	17%	368	83%	72	43	115	31%	41	212	253	69%
Dekalb	3,785	350	9%	3,435	91%	628	799	1,427	42%	63	1,945	2,008	58%
Dodge	500	100	20%	400	80%	138	23	161	40%	26	213	239	60%
Dooly	125	25	20%	100	80%	22	12	34	34%	3	63	66	66%
Dougherty	1,147	119	10%	1,028	90%	208	122	330	32%	15	683	698	68%
Douglas	1,754	241	14%	1,513	86%	416	189	605	40%	37	871	908	60%
Early	202	40	20%	162	80%	30	26	56	35%	16	90	106	65%
Echols	102	9	9%	93	91%	21	15	36	39%	4	53	57	61%
Effingham	404	41	10%	363	90%	30	46	76	21%	6	281	287	79%
Elbert	332	38	11%	294	89%	18	29	47	16%	4	243	247	84%
Emanuel	454	85	19%	369	81%	91	35	126	34%	2	241	243	66%
Evans	225	62	28%	163	72%	51	25	76	47%	0	87	87	53%
Fannin	383	100	26%	283	74%	62	56	118	42%	5	160	165	58%
Fayette	505	48	10%	457	90%	100	29	129	28%	2	326	328	72%
Floyd	2,406	620	26%	1,786	74%	400	350	750	42%	72	964	1,036	58%
Forsyth	1,052	212	20%	840	80%	89	126	215	26%	13	612	625	74%
Franklin	315	64	20%	251	80%	31	33	64	25%	1	186	187	75%
Fulton	7,199	569	8%	6,630	92%	1,974	1,074	3,048	46%	258	3,324	3,582	54%
Gilmer	516	103	20%	413	80%	69	39	108	26%	1	304	305	74%
Glascock	60	14	23%	46	77%	16	12	28	61%	1	17	18	39%
Glynn	888	119	13%	769	87%	84	171	255	33%	14	500	514	67%
Gordon	635	99	16%	536	84%	98	93	191	36%	4	341	345	64%
Grady	271	26	10%	245	90%	54	39	93	38%	7	145	152	62%
Greene	168	13	8%	155	92%	40	22	62	40%	1	92	93	60%
Gwinnett	4,531	485	11%	4,046	89%	878	563	1,441	36%	63	2,542	2,605	64%
Habersham	585	72	12%	513	88%	63	57	120	23%	1	392	393	77%
Hall	2,185	203	9%	1,982	91%	372	409	781	39%	1	1,200	1,201	61%
Hancock	92	20	22%	72	78%	11	12	23	32%	2	47	49	68%
Haralson	725	231	32%	494	68%	93	34	127	26%	11	356	367	74%
Harris	235	32	14%	203	86%	87	27	114	56%	11	78	89	44%
Hart	270	2	1%	268	99%	64	52	116	43%	7	145	152	57%
Heard	319	67	21%	252	79%	49	25	74	29%	1	177	178	71%
Henry	2,062	155	8%	1,907	92%	525	186	711	37%	21	1,175	1,196	63%
Houston	1,141	63	6%	1,078	94%	264	247	511	47%	25	542	567	53%
Irwin	251	68	27%	183	73%	28	27	55	30%	4	124	128	70%
Jackson	655	48	7%	607	93%	83	64	147	24%	18	442	460	76%
Jasper	135	24	18%	111	82%	11	18	29	26%	2	80	82	74%

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Jeff Davis	250	23	9%	227	91%	29	17	46	20%	5	176	181	80%
Jefferson	245	12	5%	233	95%	52	34	86	37%	4	143	147	63%
Jenkins	126	6	5%	120	95%	36	14	50	42%	4	66	70	58%
Johnson	153	40	26%	113	74%	32	15	47	42%	0	66	66	58%
Jones	358	30	8%	328	92%	104	49	153	47%	11	164	175	53%
Lamar	262	58	22%	204	78%	75	31	106	52%	3	95	98	48%
Lanier	131	6	5%	125	95%	20	25	45	36%	4	76	80	64%
Laurens	683	40	6%	643	94%	170	60	230	36%	62	351	413	64%
Lee	264	49	19%	215	81%	38	22	60	28%	6	149	155	72%
Liberty	1,064	141	13%	923	87%	117	194	311	34%	24	588	612	66%
Lincoln	129	18	14%	111	86%	12	14	26	23%	1	84	85	77%
Long	231	18	8%	213	92%	31	40	71	33%	7	135	142	67%
Lowndes	1,127	84	7%	1,043	93%	330	181	511	49%	51	481	532	51%
Lumpkin	436	99	23%	337	77%	80	61	141	42%	12	184	196	58%
Macon	309	37	12%	272	88%	65	28	93	34%	23	156	179	66%
Madison	390	60	15%	330	85%	64	41	105	32%	4	221	225	68%
Marion	71	10	14%	61	86%	12	14	26	43%	5	30	35	57%
McDuffie	313	33	11%	280	89%	78	37	115	41%	1	164	165	59%
McIntosh	236	11	5%	225	95%	25	66	91	40%	3	131	134	60%
Meriwether	277	37	13%	240	87%	46	46	92	38%	1	147	148	62%
Miller	85	12	14%	73	86%	14	14	28	38%	5	40	45	62%
Mitchell	319	36	11%	283	89%	69	52	121	43%	2	160	162	57%
Monroe	379	53	14%	326	86%	91	37	128	39%	6	192	198	61%
Montgomery	150	33	22%	117	78%	33	22	55	47%	1	61	62	53%
Morgan	252	43	17%	209	83%	38	23	61	29%	6	142	148	71%
Murray	1,133	337	30%	796	70%	107	138	245	31%	22	529	551	69%
Muscogee	1,467	65	4%	1,402	96%	232	420	652	47%	13	737	750	53%
Newton	1,259	294	23%	965	77%	132	165	297	31%	20	648	668	69%
Oconee	265	28	11%	237	89%	42	31	73	31%	8	156	164	69%
Oglethorpe	190	23	12%	167	88%	15	17	32	19%	1	134	135	81%
Paulding	1,594	338	21%	1,256	79%	224	202	426	34%	31	799	830	66%
Peach	214	18	8%	196	92%	34	31	65	33%	9	122	131	67%
Pickens	550	135	25%	415	75%	61	62	123	30%	14	278	292	70%
Pierce	296	56	19%	240	81%	54	31	85	35%	10	145	155	65%
Pike	266	74	28%	192	72%	31	40	71	37%	6	115	121	63%
Polk	606	84	14%	522	86%	175	83	258	49%	10	254	264	51%
Pulaski	162	24	15%	138	85%	45	15	60	43%	6	72	78	57%
Putnam	292	33	11%	259	89%	56	38	94	36%	3	162	165	64%
Quitman	28	4	14%	24	86%	7	1	8	33%	0	16	16	67%
Rabun	342	40	12%	302	88%	58	69	127	42%	4	171	175	58%

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Reports by County
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| | TOTAL REPORTS | Screened-Out Reports | | Reports Accepted for Service (Investigations) | | Investigations by Disposition | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Substantiated | | | | Unsubstantiated | | | |
		Number	%	Number	%	Open	Closed	Total	% Invest.	Open	Closed	Total	% Invest.
Randolph	106	10	9%	96	91%	20	16	36	38%	0	60	60	63%
Richmond	2,566	162	6%	2,404	94%	312	275	587	24%	52	1,765	1,817	76%
Rockdale	1,015	192	19%	823	81%	149	118	267	32%	15	541	556	68%
Schley	87	15	17%	72	83%	23	9	32	44%	1	39	40	56%
Screven	212	7	3%	205	97%	40	24	64	31%	3	138	141	69%
Seminole	145	32	22%	113	78%	27	28	55	49%	1	57	58	51%
Spalding	1,221	217	18%	1,004	82%	323	148	471	47%	18	515	533	53%
Stephens	495	94	19%	401	81%	75	43	118	29%	5	278	283	71%
Stewart	86	13	15%	73	85%	19	10	29	40%	3	41	44	60%
Sumter	417	13	3%	404	97%	76	60	136	34%	7	261	268	66%
Talbot	67	1	1%	66	99%	31	8	39	59%	7	20	27	41%
Taliaferro	21	2	10%	19	90%	6	3	9	47%	1	9	10	53%
Tattnall	363	75	21%	288	79%	119	25	144	50%	1	143	144	50%
Taylor	114	9	8%	105	92%	41	5	46	44%	1	58	59	56%
Telfair	201	32	16%	169	84%	37	13	50	30%	4	115	119	70%
Terrell	184	36	20%	148	80%	27	15	42	28%	1	105	106	72%
Thomas	519	53	10%	466	90%	69	70	139	30%	15	312	327	70%
Tift	561	59	11%	502	89%	97	56	153	30%	17	332	349	70%
Toombs	578	42	7%	536	93%	118	41	159	30%	13	364	377	70%
Towns	151	29	19%	122	81%	32	4	36	30%	8	78	86	70%
Treutlen	67	7	10%	60	90%	27	6	33	55%	0	27	27	45%
Troup	939	65	7%	874	93%	171	170	341	39%	25	508	533	61%
Turner	201	23	11%	178	89%	33	15	48	27%	16	114	130	73%
Twiggs	167	30	18%	137	82%	28	19	47	34%	2	88	90	66%
Union	278	89	32%	189	68%	38	31	69	37%	11	109	120	63%
Upson	512	79	15%	433	85%	78	24	102	24%	10	321	331	76%
Walker	963	215	22%	748	78%	157	87	244	33%	19	485	504	67%
Walton	1,006	134	13%	872	87%	90	35	125	14%	17	730	747	86%
Ware	688	124	18%	564	82%	82	70	152	27%	10	402	412	73%
Warren	108	28	26%	80	74%	34	18	52	65%	0	28	28	35%
Washington	318	89	28%	229	72%	53	21	74	32%	6	149	155	68%
Wayne	392	34	9%	358	91%	88	40	128	36%	3	227	230	64%
Webster	28	7	25%	21	75%	3	6	9	43%	0	12	12	57%
Wheeler	95	12	13%	83	87%	16	11	27	33%	0	56	56	67%
White	478	99	21%	379	79%	97	32	129	34%	5	245	250	66%
Whitfield	1,869	443	24%	1,426	76%	181	237	418	29%	57	951	1,008	71%
Wilcox	131	40	31%	91	69%	10	11	21	23%	4	66	70	77%
Wilkes	108	18	17%	90	83%	20	15	35	39%	0	55	55	61%
Wilkinson	123	22	18%	101	82%	15	23	38	38%	2	61	63	62%
Worth	328	42	13%	286	87%	64	40	104	36%	5	177	182	64%

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| | Population Under 18 Years of Age | Substantiated Child Maltreatment Victims* | | Substantiated Incidents of Maltreatment | | | | | |
		Victims	Rate Per 1,000 Children	Neglect	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Other	Total
STATE TOTAL	2,296,759	51,717	22.5	43,888	5,599	2,411	1,370	650	53,918
Appling	4,711	222	47.1	186	22	15	5	1	229
Atkinson	2,382	60	25.2	51	5	3	2	0	61
Bacon	2,637	89	33.8	82	4	4	1	0	91
Baker	1,124	51	45.4	41	10	0	2	0	53
Baldwin	9,380	460	49.0	388	44	24	16	6	478
Banks	3,959	147	37.1	128	11	2	8	1	150
Barrow	14,968	789	52.7	717	41	33	24	8	823
Bartow	23,475	623	26.5	564	42	21	15	3	645
Ben Hill	4,822	208	43.1	184	11	9	9	4	217
Berrien	4,345	149	34.3	130	6	16	4	0	156
Bibb	41,698	783	18.8	665	71	47	9	3	795
Bleckley	3,074	121	39.4	102	6	8	5	4	125
Brantley	3,977	126	31.7	110	12	11	1	1	135
Brooks	4,224	156	36.9	142	14	3	4	0	163
Bryan	7,632	71	9.3	65	3	5	2	0	75
Bulloch	12,481	218	17.5	191	18	13	0	0	222
Burke	7,120	103	14.5	98	0	4	1	0	103
Butts	5,294	320	60.4	270	23	19	24	3	339
Calhoun	1,379	39	28.3	34	2	3	0	0	39
Camden	14,254	161	11.3	126	26	6	5	0	163
Candler	2,692	95	35.3	79	3	6	8	0	96
Carroll	25,239	587	23.3	515	63	21	13	6	618
Catoosa	14,648	386	26.4	350	29	17	5	0	401
Charlton	2,775	119	42.9	108	7	5	1	0	121
Chatham	59,413	905	15.2	719	141	34	18	24	936
Chattahoochee	4,502	54	12.0	39	8	4	8	1	60
Chattooga	6,069	364	60.0	349	16	13	9	0	387
Cherokee	46,454	1,110	23.9	992	117	29	41	8	1,187
Clarke	18,417	586	31.8	522	57	25	13	1	618
Clay	831	23	27.7	18	3	2	0	0	23
Clayton	78,706	1,015	12.9	859	139	44	19	4	1,065
Clinch	2,000	62	31.0	49	12	0	0	4	65
Cobb	170,794	1,641	9.6	1,334	266	64	33	3	1,700
Coffee	10,874	273	25.1	215	31	23	10	0	279
Colquitt	11,769	507	43.1	445	27	41	7	10	530
Columbia	27,113	364	13.4	309	42	9	16	0	376
Cook	4,426	261	59.0	224	21	15	7	3	270
Coweta	28,510	323	11.3	291	17	9	4	10	331
Crawford	3,288	97	29.5	86	5	8	4	3	106

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Crisp	6,307	281	44.6	241	27	23	15	1	307
Dade	3,650	78	21.4	69	8	3	4	0	84
Dawson	4,609	87	18.9	74	9	3	2	0	88
Decatur	7,893	219	27.7	183	22	14	4	6	229
Dekalb	168,352	2,014	12.0	1,376	525	119	63	41	2,124
Dodge	4,924	287	58.3	254	19	9	7	3	292
Dooly	2,902	60	20.7	44	7	6	3	1	61
Dougherty	26,529	632	23.8	572	47	18	3	1	641
Douglas	28,156	992	35.2	842	111	29	41	9	1,032
Early	3,453	83	24.0	72	11	3	1	0	87
Echols	1,066	71	66.6	67	1	2	1	2	73
Effingham	12,006	132	11.0	103	13	14	2	5	137
Elbert	5,148	79	15.3	63	8	4	0	6	81
Emanuel	5,933	216	36.4	204	10	4	1	0	219
Evans	3,091	134	43.4	123	7	6	1	0	137
Fannin	4,411	190	43.1	180	7	4	12	0	203
Fayette	25,894	207	8.0	167	46	0	8	0	221
Floyd	23,167	1,263	54.5	1,122	100	49	9	5	1,285
Forsyth	34,630	379	10.9	330	32	23	6	1	392
Franklin	5,019	105	20.9	93	6	5	2	4	110
Fulton	205,526	4,976	24.2	4,252	622	170	110	57	5,211
Gilmer	6,251	179	28.6	155	12	11	8	0	186
Glascock	606	50	82.5	46	2	0	2	1	51
Glynn	17,446	388	22.2	304	59	20	7	13	403
Gordon	12,526	329	26.3	296	18	25	2	0	341
Grady	6,467	145	22.4	126	20	6	6	0	158
Greene	3,692	102	27.6	86	9	9	5	1	110
Gwinnett	188,721	2,312	12.3	1,868	355	97	102	15	2,437
Habersham	9,062	179	19.8	142	26	20	2	0	190
Hall	43,026	1,183	27.5	973	94	110	6	13	1,196
Hancock	2,350	29	12.3	23	5	0	2	1	31
Haralson	7,067	226	32.0	212	6	5	4	1	228
Harris	6,239	201	32.2	169	28	4	7	1	209
Hart	5,485	191	34.8	156	22	9	24	1	212
Heard	3,185	149	46.8	141	8	3	9	0	161
Henry	42,287	1,169	27.6	1,014	146	33	19	2	1,214
Houston	33,007	777	23.5	528	100	78	13	79	798
Irwin	2,776	93	33.5	71	6	8	6	6	97
Jackson	12,334	256	20.8	229	9	8	1	13	260
Jasper	3,286	42	12.8	34	4	5	3	0	46

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		Victims	Rate Per 1,000 Children	Neglect	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Other	Total
Jeff Davis	3,517	71	20.2	59	8	3	1	1	72
Jefferson	4,778	131	27.4	105	14	7	8	1	135
Jenkins	2,425	76	31.3	54	11	5	6	0	76
Johnson	2,558	78	30.5	63	4	8	5	0	80
Jones	6,466	247	38.2	202	28	22	12	2	266
Lamar	4,029	188	46.7	180	7	6	0	0	193
Lanier	1,869	69	36.9	57	8	2	4	0	71
Laurens	12,143	412	33.9	350	33	28	4	5	420
Lee	7,897	102	12.9	77	14	10	15	0	116
Liberty	21,248	547	25.7	471	76	17	7	1	572
Lincoln	1,970	47	23.9	46	1	0	2	0	49
Long	3,449	137	39.7	121	11	10	0	2	144
Lowndes	24,485	929	37.9	818	79	41	35	2	975
Lumpkin	5,480	257	46.9	239	13	11	16	5	284
Macon	3,784	158	41.8	143	10	4	2	0	159
Madison	6,955	187	26.9	177	11	5	7	1	201
Marion	1,991	39	19.6	24	2	6	5	4	41
McDuffie	5,869	179	30.5	149	20	12	1	0	182
McIntosh	2,910	162	55.7	135	18	2	12	0	167
Meriwether	5,949	146	24.5	118	10	16	1	6	151
Miller	1,617	48	29.7	47	1	0	0	0	48
Mitchell	6,400	226	35.3	197	19	6	3	6	231
Monroe	5,794	224	38.7	205	15	9	12	0	241
Montgomery	2,109	97	46.0	85	4	4	0	4	97
Morgan	4,308	109	25.3	100	7	4	3	1	115
Murray	10,870	430	39.6	368	33	17	27	3	448
Muscogee	50,576	958	18.9	753	171	46	17	20	1,007
Newton	21,065	523	24.8	449	61	21	12	3	546
Oconee	7,892	120	15.2	113	4	3	1	2	123
Oglethorpe	3,396	52	15.3	38	5	4	1	7	55
Paulding	30,317	742	24.5	646	74	32	56	1	809
Peach	6,204	97	15.6	68	17	14	1	3	103
Pickens	6,250	204	32.6	187	18	3	18	0	226
Pierce	4,246	155	36.5	146	13	2	4	1	166
Pike	3,936	119	30.2	109	7	4	0	0	120
Polk	10,506	444	42.3	398	22	18	3	10	451
Pulaski	2,240	92	41.1	68	11	10	0	5	94
Putnam	4,461	153	34.3	138	12	6	7	1	164
Quitman	560	24	42.9	15	0	0	0	9	24
Rabun	3,435	220	64.0	190	13	15	1	7	226

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Randolph	2,007	45	22.4	35	8	1	2	0	46
Richmond	53,972	1,142	21.2	1,047	102	19	13	3	1,184
Rockdale	20,340	466	22.9	406	52	11	6	1	476
Schley	1,085	71	65.4	68	3	0	1	0	72
Screven	4,268	94	22.0	68	20	6	0	2	96
Seminole	2,379	93	39.1	83	6	6	2	0	97
Spalding	16,600	811	48.9	678	79	43	29	14	843
Stephens	6,016	208	34.6	185	23	7	5	1	221
Stewart	1,207	47	38.9	41	5	4	0	0	50
Sumter	9,374	263	28.1	227	13	11	4	13	268
Talbot	1,607	59	36.7	43	14	3	1	2	63
Taliaferro	421	17	40.4	15	1	1	0	0	17
Tattnall	5,155	279	54.1	264	15	6	4	0	289
Taylor	2,351	77	32.8	70	5	3	0	1	79
Telfair	2,568	94	36.6	85	4	6	0	0	95
Terrell	3,095	67	21.6	54	9	4	0	0	67
Thomas	11,511	213	18.5	156	33	17	9	10	225
Tift	10,733	254	23.7	199	31	19	8	9	266
Toombs	7,478	263	35.2	231	15	17	8	2	273
Towns	1,681	61	36.3	56	3	1	5	0	65
Treutlen	1,725	52	30.1	46	5	2	1	0	54
Troup	16,589	598	36.0	523	48	44	13	1	629
Turner	2,777	79	28.4	65	9	1	4	0	79
Twiggs	2,702	71	26.3	50	5	12	3	6	76
Union	3,743	108	28.9	94	8	4	5	2	113
Upson	7,119	171	24.0	137	18	7	12	5	179
Walker	15,107	429	28.4	391	35	27	14	0	467
Walton	19,093	215	11.3	187	18	12	4	0	221
Ware	8,798	244	27.7	209	30	17	10	0	266
Warren	1,597	113	70.8	109	2	2	1	0	114
Washington	5,333	136	25.5	127	7	2	1	0	137
Wayne	6,963	241	34.6	198	28	20	1	3	250
Webster	563	18	32.0	11	1	6	0	0	18
Wheeler	1,326	43	32.4	29	6	0	0	9	44
White	5,209	205	39.4	163	35	6	0	2	206
Whitfield	25,324	672	26.5	566	49	29	10	38	692
Wilcox	1,970	26	13.2	15	5	6	0	0	26
Wilkes	2,461	56	22.8	44	10	1	4	0	59
Wilkinson	2,693	54	20.1	45	5	3	3	0	56
Worth	5,930	210	35.4	179	7	18	2	13	219

The number of victims represents a duplicated count of children since a child may be in more than one investigation during the year. Rates are based on 2003 Census Estimates for the child population under 18 years of age.